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istopher Walker
, March 23

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It came less than two weeks after the Israelis seized more than 1,000 acres in the former Jordanian section of Jerusalem annexed in 1967.

Mr Begin was one of those who voted today in favour of reestablishing a Jewish presence in Hebron, one of the four cities in the world holy to Jews. So was Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the new Foreign Minister. As outlined at the latest Cabinet session, the £1m plan will involve moving about 130 Jewish students into two buildings in an Arab area, where they will be under constant guard by Israeli troops.

The two buildings are close to the spot where Mr Joshua Sloma, a young Jewish settler, was murdered by an unknown Arab gunman in January. They were both owned and occupied by Jews until 1929 when the small Jewish community fled the town after more than 50 of its members had been massacred.

With an Arab population of more than 50,000, Hebron is a traditional focal point of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the West Bank. In recent weeks there have been a number of violent incidents between Arabs and Jewish settlers, who live on the outskirts.

Explaining today's vote, Mr Arye Naor, the Cabinet spokesman said: "The opinion of the Israeli government is that the political implication of the decision must be clear and direct: Hebron will not be allowed to be a place where Jews are not allowed to live. Jews are allowed to live in any place under the sun since 1945."

One of those first to welcome the vote was Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a member of Gush Emunim, and leader of the Jewish extremists who 10 years ago began the large settlement of Kiryat Arba on the outskirts of Hebron.

The rabbi has already presented the Government with a list of 30 families anxious to move into properties in the town centre. His wife and nine children are among 70 Jewish women and children who have been squatting illegally in a former hospital in the town for nearly a year. Today the Cabinet announced that a new floor will be added to the building to house the residential field school.

Peace pact opposed, page 8

Photograph by Bill Warhurst

Victory in the women's version of the boat race went to Oxford who beat Cambridge at Henley yesterday by 1½ lengths.

Doubts over 58 more Constable works

By Geraldine Norman

A new book on John Constable, the great British landscape painter, suggests that 58 paintings, hitherto considered to be by the master, are more likely to be the work of his children.

The fact that several of Constable's children, notably Lionel and Alfred, painted landscapes similar to their father's and that their work has become muddled with his was first revealed two years ago.

The new book, by Mr Robert Hoozee, a Belgian art historian, adds another 58 tentative reattributions. *L'opera completa di Constable*, published by Rizzoli, an Italian company is in a series aimed at the popular market, with the title *Classici d'Arte*.

Because of its popular format and improbable multinational source, the publication of the book last year seems to have escaped the notice of most Anglo-Saxon scholars, with the exception of Constable specialists.

The reactions of museums whose paintings have been reattributed to the children have ranged from amazement to a cautious "one scholar did suggest it might be Lionel a year or two ago". Almost no one had seen the book or knew of its publication.

The exception was Leslie Parris, a Constable expert at the Tate Gallery in London. He disagrees with four or five of Mr Hoozee's reattributions, but in the main agrees that there is a strong case for Constable's children being involved. "It needs to be looked at more carefully", he said.

There are two Tate "Constables" for which Mr Hoozee has suggested a reattribution to the children, "Leathes Water" and "Dedham Valley".

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Public spending cuts and tax reshuffle may dominate Budget

By David Blake
Economics Editor

Big cuts in public spending and a reshuffling of taxes to help industry are likely to dominate the Budget to be announced on Wednesday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC.

The Chancellor's second Budget is unlikely to contain any significant reduction in income tax for ordinary taxpayers. Instead, he is likely to limit his concessions on income tax to raising personal allowances, probably offsetting most of the benefits by scrapping the reduced 25 per cent band on the first £750 of taxable income.

At the same time, he is likely to increase excise duties on drink, tobacco and, most dramatically, petrol, cut taxes on capital transfers and capital gains, and try to help manufacturing industry.

Worries about the impact on the retail price index of raising excise duties seem to have persuaded the Government against a straight increase in all duties by the amount needed to take account of inflation.

Instead, they are likely to increase the duty on petrol particularly sharply because this produces much revenue for little impact on the retail price index. Spirits and wine will also be hit, but beer and tobacco are likely to get off more lightly.

Personal tax allowances will be increased to undo some of the effects of inflation which brings more and more people within the taxman's grasp.

If the Chancellor decides to scrap the 25 per cent band, as Conservative policy in Opposition suggested, it is likely that those allowances would go up by at least as much as the 17.8 per cent rise implied under the terms of the "Rooker-Wise" rules. That would mean increasing the single person's allowance from £1,165 to £1,372, and the married allowance from £1,815 to £2,138.

The Rooker-Wise provisions mean that personal income tax allowances will be increased automatically to take account of inflation.

The Rooker-Wise rules do not apply to the threshold for higher rate taxes, and those will thus not necessarily rise. However, there is expected to be favourable treatment for unearned income and capital gains.

The Chancellor's speech is likely to dwell heavily on the twin problems of rapid pay rises and the growing liquidity crisis in industry. Sir Geoffrey seems to have decided to use the proceeds of a new and severe round of public spending cuts to provide extra funds for manufacturing industry.

The mostly likely option is to cut the national insurance surcharge, which would give immediate relief to companies. It would also be of particular assistance to exporters.

He is also intending to change some of the rules governing the treatment of stock for tax purposes. At minimum, the changes will protect companies whose stocks have run down because of the steel strike.

To raise extra revenue, the Chancellor is likely to tax either oil companies or banks, or possibly both, and he is also expected to take more money off the British Gas Corporation.

The worries about pay increases, running at about 20 per cent a year, mean that the Chancellor will lay heavy stress on the Government's determination to bring down the inflation rate by tough application of limits on money supply. The Government wants to show the country that it is not prepared to live indefinitely with double-figure inflation.

The need to meet money supply limits, coupled with a determination not to raise interest rates from their present record level, have persuaded the Chancellor that he must keep public sector borrowing in the coming financial year as far below £9,000m as possible.

Achieving this has not been easy because the economy is moving into what internal Treasury forecasts predict will be the most severe recession since the Second World War. The forecast to be published on Wednesday will be less pessimistic than internal estimates of a 3½ per cent drop in output this year, but it is likely to show output falling by between 2 and 3 per cent.

Manufacturing industry will take the brunt of the downturn, recording an even sharper drop in output.

Outlook for world weather day is dull

By Kenneth Gosling

In Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire there were hardly any hurricanes yesterday; but in Worcester, Warwickshire and Wiltshire some snow showers were reported. Roads were impassable in parts of mid-Wales and in London it was an average spring day.

It added up to an about normal weather picture for the last week in March. But yesterday had a special significance because March 23 has been declared World Meteorological Day, an event to be celebrated or mourned every year to show the people of the world the sort of service that meteorology can render to economic development.

They were not too aware of it at Bracknell where the Meteorological Office is. "I am afraid the senior forecaster does not know much about it", a voice on the switchboard said.

But the spokesman eventually confirmed that March 23 will, indeed, be a big day in the world weather calendar, focusing attention on mankind's effect on the weather and the effect of climatic changes on the world's economy.

"For instance", he said, "if it were to become a degree warmer, how would it affect the crops and even how would we build houses?"

Over the past few decades the vulnerability of mankind to climatic variability has increased markedly. The difficulties associated with changes in the climate are among the most important the world community has to tackle.

"For the first time", the spokesman said, "the countries of the world are deciding that it is an important topic and that it does matter to try and understand it."

For those who have given up trying to understand it, the Meteorological Office makes clear that the whole idea of having a special day is to squeeze as much publicity as possible out of the occasion.

Not that Britain needs it. "We tend to feel we are pretty much in the public eye anyway. We do quite a lot of research".

So although some smaller countries intend to stage special exhibitions and announce commemorative stamp issues, something Britain has not done surprisingly, considering its preoccupation with the climate, we will be keeping our heads down and our umbrellas up, hoping for a fine summer.

Meanwhile, to quote from yesterday's summary: "Visibility was severely reduced on main routes and motorways..."

Day's strike by print union likely

By Our Labour Editor

Publication of all national and some provincial newspapers is threatened on May 14 by a one-day official strike likely to be decided tomorrow by leaders of the largest printing union, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat).

Mr William Keys, general secretary of Sogat, said last night: "I shall be recommending to our executive that we stop work on the TUC's 'day of action'".

The protest has the backing of an influential committee of the printing union executive and is extremely unlikely to be overturned.

The decision of Sogat leaders, whose members are responsible for packing and delivering all national newspapers, will come on the eve of the TUC General Council's meeting at which a call for May 14 to be converted into a one-day general strike will be discussed.

The only question that seems in doubt is whether the printing union will order a strike of all its 205,000 members for the full 24 hours

If so, publication of both May 14 and 15 issues of national papers would be affected.

Liverpool dockers call for national stoppage

By R. W. Shakespeare,
Northern Industrial Correspondent

Moves to call a national dock strike over the "blacking" of steel imports and exports will begin today, after Friday's walkout by more than 5,000 Liverpool dockers.

The call came from a mass meeting of the Merseyside dockers at Liverpool Stadium yesterday. Significantly, the meeting was attended not only by senior shop stewards representing the Southampton and Hull dockers but also by steel union strike leaders from the North-west and Yorkshire regions

The Liverpool dockers have now been joined by another 1,000 ancillary workers. The stoppage has halted work along the entire Mersey waterfront, with about 30 ships strikebound in the port.

The men will hold another mass meeting on Wednesday and say the strike will continue indefinitely.

Today Mr Dennis Kelly, senior convener at Liverpool, will be seeing national docks officers of the Transport and General Workers' Union in London to pass on the call for a national strike, carried by an overwhelming majority of the 4,000 men who attended yesterday's meeting.

The Southampton stewards will be meeting early today before calling a mass meeting of the dockers there. Similar meetings are likely in other ports.

The moves are being made against the background of an instruction issued by the TGWU last week that dockers should refuse to handle steel shipments either for import or export.

The issue came to a head at Liverpool just before the weekend. A shipment of 300 tons of steel was being loaded on to a vessel bound for India. Half of it was on board when the 100 dockers working the ship said they would load no more.

Enforcement order: Tyne Tube Services, of Blaydon, Tyne and Wear, will ask for an enforcement order in the High Court, today after failing on Saturday to take possession of two trailer loads of imported steel at Hull docks. (Our Hull Correspondent writes).

North Sea Ferries tried to release the steel from their King George Dock compound but dockers blockaded the trailers with another vehicle.

Steel return sought, page 2

Howe attack feared on 'social wage'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

MPs and politicians are already making their assumptions and planning their response to the Budget.

Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, said yesterday that a Budget designed to make the well-off better off and the poor poorer would prove to be an economic disaster.

He said that Sir Geoffrey Howes' reported intention not to raise child benefit in line with inflation would be a spiteful measure from a rick man's party.

Labour's protests against what will be seen as the Tory attack on "the social wage", bringing greater hostility from the trade unions, are predictable. But there will also be protests from about 40 Conservative backbenchers who believe that the Government will be breaking its pledge to support the family if the child benefit is not increased to take account of inflation.

This would mean that the benefit, now £4 should be increased by more than £1. Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams, Conservative MP for Kensington, one of four Tory MPs who voted against the Government on this issue last week, said yesterday that he thought the Chancellor ought to increase it by £1.25.

But the impression among backbenchers is that the Government is thinking of a 75p increase, and might be pushed to make it £1 if there is strong backbench pressure when the

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President Tito gets new drug

Belgrade, March 23.—Doctors treating President Tito said today that they were using a new, experimental antibiotic on him, but he continued to be gravely ill. Official celebrations began for the President's birthday in May with party messages of wishes for his recovery.

Back on track

The Golden Arrow, the former express train, is to run again, on the five-mile Keighley to Oxenhope steam railway, in Yorkshire.

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City, March 23.—The Shah of Iran left Pan- in air force base on OC8 airliner today for ling a four-month stay a.—Reuter.

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about his attitude to 's health, Mr Carter riday that his Admin- had a "great deal of in the Shah's having to him adequate care". That was pre- why Mr Hamilton Jordan, the White House Chief of Staff, went to Panama at the end of last week. He is reported to have gone to help work out details of the Shah's medical care.

Mr Carter's comment and Mr Jordan's trip raised speculation that the Administration might once again be ready to offer the Shah medical care, either in the United States or in an American military hospital outside the country. It was the Shah's original hospital treatment in New York that provided the catalyst for the occupation of the American Embassy in Tehran.

After a day of discussions among the President's foreign policy and defence advisers at Camp David yesterday, however, the Administration let it be known that there were no plans for the Shah to come to the United States for his operation. The Administration also appeared to have ruled out his admission to an American military hospital overseas.

The mystery surrounding the Shah's treatment deepened further last night when NBC television news reported that he would leave his temporary home in Panama within the next few days for an undisclosed destination. NBC said that Administration officials were trying to assure the Iranian authorities that the Shah's impending departure was not an American decision and should not lead to an escalation of the crisis between the two countries.

Dr Kissinger accused: Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said Dr Henry Kissinger, the former United States Secretary of State, was trying to help the Shah to escape extradition by moving from Panama—a move Mr Qotbzadeh said would delay freeing the American hostages.

The Foreign Minister, in a statement released in Tehran, said the alleged attempt by Dr Kissinger and Mr David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, to move the Shah would have "a disastrous effect".—AP.

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an police are intensi- eir search for three ged kidnappers of the mily, now expected to to England later this ter the release on night of 15-year-old

as today resting with r, Mr Rolf Schild, and er, Mrs Daphne Schild, home of an English utside Cagliari. They napped on August 21 eir holiday home in Sardinia. Mr Schild ased in September in arrange a ransom—the were reported to have nanded £10m—and his freed in January after ated to amount to about was handed over. Of this the authorities say they have recovered about a tenth.

Miss Schild was freed five days after the Pope, at his weekly Sunday appearance to pilgrims in St Peter's Square, appealed for her release.

An important element in securing Miss Schild's release without further ransom payment appears to have been the success of the authorities in apprehending eight alleged members of the gang, who are reported to have been told that they would face maximum penalties, including life imprisonment, if the girl did not return alive and unharmed. They are mostly farmers and shepherds from the village of Orani, near Nuoro, historically the centre of Sardinian banditry.

Miss Schild said she was not ill-treated during her 214 days in captivity, all of them spent in caves. According to her mother she put on weight on a diet of cheese, bread, salami and occasionally something hot.

But, in spite of its happy ending, the affair raises the question of whether the island can regain its image abroad. The Sardinian economy relies increasingly on tourism since the collapse of its petrochemical complexes.

The authorities have evidently scored an important success against the gang, which not only abducted the Schilds, but is reported to have been behind many of the 12 kidnappings on the island last summer. The Schilds were not the only foreign victims—a German, Herr Rainer Besuch, seized in September, 1978, has not been heard of since.

Benefits fraud staff warned

Social security staff have been told by Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Social Security, to keep a sense of proportion about the new campaign against fraud. He refers to a document called the Fraud Investigators' Guide and says that "fraud work must not result in unacceptable treatment of perfectly honest people". Investigators must adhere to the Judges' Rules while interviewing suspects and they must not act as agents provacateurs, the guide says Page 4

Cossiga coalition task

Signor Francesco Cossiga was asked to form Italy's fortieth government since 1945. It is believed that he will form a coalition between his Christian Democrats and the Socialists. Such a coalition would, however, have a majority of only 24 deputies Page 5

Oarsmen for Olympics

The Amateur Rowing Association council voted at a special meeting to send a British team to the Olympic Games in Moscow Page 12

Top teacher shortage

The serious shortage of qualified teachers in certain key subjects has again been highlighted by a survey of a quarter of secondary schools in England and Wales Page 2

Bretons angry over failure of oil plan

Anger is growing in Brittany over the French Government's handling of local oil pollution from the wreck of the tanker Tanio. The last serious oil spill, from the Amoco Cadiz, prompted the authorities to set up a procedure to deal with future emergencies, but the Bretons believe the system has failed Page 5

'Moderate' Labour group

About 40 "moderate" Labour MPs are to meet tomorrow to establish a group they claim will represent the mainstream of opinion within the party. They aim to counter any impression that the parliamentary party is polarized between the Manifesto group and the Tribune group Page 2

Home loans challenge

The National Westminster Bank is ready to challenge the building societies' dominance of the home loans market. The bank says such a scheme will be launched "as soon as circumstances permit", which could be almost immediately if "corset" restrictions are lifted in the Budget Page 19

Air crash: Two men died when a Cessna 414 crashed without warning during a test flight at Leeds-Bradford airport 4

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Steel unions will be pressed to resume work during inquiry

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Trade union reluctance to order an immediate resumption of work in the strikebound steel industry will come under strong pressure from the Government and management today as moves to set up a committee of inquiry into the dispute get under way.

Leaders of the steel unions are seeking approval from Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, for that form of third-party intervention as the most promising way to end the 12-week-old strike.

But both the minister and the British Steel Corporation are anxious to write into an agreement on the inquiry that the men should go back to work while the committee takes evidence and gives its judgment.

Some of the 13 unions involved in the dispute, notably those paying strike benefit, are ready to concede a return to work but the two dominant unions, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen, have so far refused.

A joint meeting of executives of those two unions is expected to take a decision on this key issue tonight after hearing a report on discussions with Mr Prior and the BSC, when the conditions for the pay inquiry will be known in detail.

British Steel is insisting that the three-man investigation should be confined to arbitrating on the union's 19.7 per cent pay claim and the corporation's 14.4 per cent pay and productivity offer; plans by the BSC to cut our 52,000 jobs and reduce steelmaking capacity by a third would not therefore form part of the inquiry report.

The corporation will be asked today to make an improved offer to win a return to work by the process men and blastfurnacemen. An extra few per cent promised ahead of the inquiry's recommendations might persuade the men to go back, some ISTC leaders suggest privately.

But the BSC is almost certain to refuse to go any farther before the committee's findings.

If the setting up of the inquiry goes according to plan it could report by the end of next week, leading to an agreement about Easter. Mr Prior is being asked to nominate a chairman, though he would prefer the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to take on this delicate administrative function.

The names of some prominent academics in the industrial field have been mentioned as possible chairmen. On the union side the name of Mr Jack Jones, former general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and luminary of the TUC, is most often uttered as the preferred choice.

Shortage of key subject teachers highlighted

From Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
Oxford

The serious shortage of qualified teachers in certain key subjects in secondary schools is again highlighted in a report published yesterday by the Secondary Heads Association (SHA).

The report contains the findings of a survey of 1,267 schools, representing a quarter of all secondary schools in England and Wales. It was carried out last November by the association in conjunction with the Association of Science Education. All previous figures on the supply of specialist teachers are at least two years out of date.

The schools participating in the survey were asked how many full-time qualified teachers they required to provide (a) satisfactorily for their curriculum, and (b) for what they considered to be the desirable curriculum for their schools.

The relies to the first part showed that even when schools were trying to modify their curriculum to match staffing realities, one in three or four schools lacked a mathematics teacher and one in four or five lacked a teacher of craft, design or technology.

On the criterion of what would be desirable, one in two or three schools lacked a mathematician, one in three a teacher of craft, design or technology, one in five a physicist, and one in five or six a chemist.

There were marked regional variations in the shortage of specialist teachers, with London boroughs almost twice as badly off as English counties.

Figures for applications to Bachelor of Education teacher training courses, released over the weekend by the Central Register and Clearing House, suggest that the position could deteriorate farther. Only 20 applicants have chosen to specialize in chemistry and 22 in physics, compared with 351 in home economics and 1,740 in physical education.

However, figures for applicants to postgraduate teacher training courses show a very slight improvement in the numbers wishing to specialize in mathematics, physics, chemistry and modern languages compared with last year.

Addressing the opening of the annual conference of the SHA in Oxford yesterday, Mr John Sayer, the president urged the Government to give the highest priority to the implementation of the James report and its recommendations for a big increase in in-service teacher training.

That was much more urgent now than when the report was accepted in 1972, he said. Falling numbers of pupils in schools were creating insecurity, stagnation and loss of morale at a time when all the ingenuity and flexibility of dedicated, up-to-date teachers were most required.

He criticized the Government for failing to tackle the issue of falling school rolls. Local councils were being forced to take hasty decisions from year to year with little sense for the pupils in the schools or for the future.

Mr Sayer also expressed deep concern over the failure of both central and local government to do anything about the rapidly deteriorating situation regarding the midday supervision of pupils.

Two fifths of SHA members had reported that they were no longer able to exercise a sufficient level of supervision to carry out their legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of children during the lunch hour at school.

Survey by 'The Times' indicates the inner circle of 21 who are in on the Budget secrets

Why Sir Geoffrey's cards are kept close to his chest

By Peter Hennessy
and David Blake

How many people this morning will know the full contents of Wednesday's Budget statement? A survey conducted by *The Times* indicates that probaby no more than 21 individuals will be aware of the whole story, with civil servants outnumbering ministers 14 to six and a solitary special adviser completing the total.

The full Cabinet will not be given details of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech until the Budget Cabinet is held on Wednesday morning. There are two reasons given by Whitehall insiders to explain why most ministers are not initiated into the secret until a few hours before the Chancellor rises in the Commons.

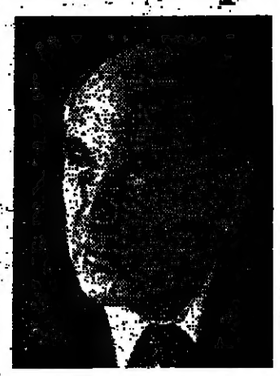
"It is mainly because you cannot trust them. They tend to want to consult people and it gets out. It is a kickback to Jimmy Thomas [J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary in the National Government, who resigned in 1936 after a Budget leak]", said one. Another added: "It is because they might have inconvenient views."

Of the inner circle of 21, Sir Douglas Wass, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, has known in full and in advance the contents of all important financial statements, "emergency packages" and budgets since he became a Treasury second permanent secretary in 1973, a depth of experience unequalled by any other individual privy today to this week's Budget secrets.

A further six Treasury officials will know in full Wednesday's financial statement and Budget report, the criterion for inclusion in *The Times* survey. Many more will have a firm idea of the sections that concern their policy divisions, but their knowledge will be partial.

The Treasury half-dozen comprise its three second permanent secretaries, Sir Kenneth Couzens, Sir Anthony Rawlinson and Mr William Ryrie; its chief economic adviser, Mr Terry Burns; the head of Sir Douglas Wass's central unit, Mr Brian Unwin, who coordinates successive drafts of the statement; and Mr John Wiggins, the Chancellor's principal private secretary, who has written large sections of it.

All five Treasury ministers, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor, Mr John Biffen, the Chief Secretary, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Financial Secretary and Lord Cockfield and Mr Peter Rees, ministers of state, are among the initiates. Mr Adam Ridley, Sir Geoffrey's special adviser, has also seen the full statement.



Sir Douglas Wass: One of the inner circle.

The only other minister to whom nothing will come as a surprise on Wednesday morning is the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Mr Clive Whitmore, her principal private secretary, and Mr Timothy Lankester, seconded to her private office from the Treasury, are similarly placed.

Outside the walls of the Treasury, Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, should be added to the list, as should Sir Lawrence Airey, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, and Sir Douglas Lovelock, chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise.

Across Downing Street in the Cabinet Office, Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet, and Mr Peter le Cheminant, head of its economic secretariat, will have seen the full statement by today.

The figure of 21 should be multiplied by about three if all the support staff of those named, secretaries, private office officials, printers, are included. For security reasons, the documents most of them will have seen contain blank spaces where crucial figures, like the rate of personal taxation, should be until the penultimate draft, which will probably be completed today, is circulated.

Fears of a leak affecting the financial markets or enabling corrupt individuals to "make a killing" are still very strong in Whitehall 44 years after the Thomas affair. The "need to know" system that has grown up around Budget information, however, does have a damaging effect on collective ministerial responsibility, the first principle of Cabinet government, as many critics, particularly on the Labour side, have pointed out.

In a private paper for a Fabian Society study group on the machinery of government, details of which were published in *The Times* on March 17, Mr Gavyn Davies, a former economic adviser to Mr James Callaghan during the years of his premiership, argues that excessive secrecy, especially in strategic economic policy making, has turned collective responsibility into "a sham".

Urging a more open system of government both inside Whitehall and beyond, he says: "If Budget documents are available to the public the day after Budget day, it would probably be more difficult to conceal them from Cabinet ministers beforehand."

Under present arrangements Budget insiders represent one of the most exclusive clubs in Whitehall. As one senior man put it: "A Budget secret is a terrible thing. It is like Holy Communion, there is nothing higher."

Doubt on Scargill TUC seat

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

A discreet campaign is being fought by trade union "moderates" to prevent Mr Arthur Scargill from gaining a seat on the TUC General Council, according to left-wing supporters of his cause.

Mr Scargill, militant president of the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers, has been chosen by his union to take up the seat about to be vacated by Mr Joseph Gormley, the NUM president.

But although he has broadened his power base for the post by winning the backing of the adjacent Nottinghamshire coalfield, traditionally a bastion of the right, his candidacy is apparently regarded with alarm and dislike by other unions.

Principal among them, according to the Scargill camp, are the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the General and Municipal Workers' Union and the National Union of Railwaymen.

Mr Scargill, whose succession to the NUM presidency next year is counted more and more to be a near-certainty, could rely on the support of the 2,200,000-member Transport and General Workers' Union and the 700,000-strong National Union of Public Employees as well as the small but vocal drivers' union, Aslef.

It is in the less politicised middle ground dominated by unions such as the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) that Mr Scargill's candidacy is most vulnerable.

Mr Scargill told The Times last night: "I am aware that certain people are working against me. The chances of keeping me off could be quite good if they organize.

Voluntary pay curb call by ministers

By Our Political Correspondent

Unless Britain has a "self-imposed" incomes policy unemployment is bound to increase, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday.

He emphasised that the Government's policy of controlling the money supply was not enough; people who obtained big increases were putting other people out of work.

Mr Prior, speaking on LBC radio, was expressing the same view as that put forward, more cautiously, by Sir Geofrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he engaged in debate with Mr Denis Healey, the former chancellor, and Professor Milton Friedman, the American economist, on BBC 2 on Saturday.

Mr Prior said: "I think we need a non-statutory, non-imposed form of incomes policy. The more we can get people into the frame of mind of bringing down their incomes below the level at the moment of the increases in the cost of living, the more likely we are to keep a fuller employment and get on top of our problems.

In the television debate Sir Geoffrey said: "We all agree we need to have conformity between the general pattern of pay bargaining and money growth rates, but we think it is possible, as in Germany, to have it without any institutionalized pay policy".

Shoppers go on 'beat the Budget' spree

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Shops reported a sharp acceleration in spending at the weekend as shoppers anticipated the worst from Wednesday's Budget.

A Bristol hypermarket claimed to be selling Scotch whisky at an unprecedented rate, a bottle every 13 seconds. Sales of wine had reached a bottle every four seconds at the end of the week's trading.

Several chains were confident that one or more of their stores had managed to take more than £1m each during the week, a figure exceeded for the first time in last year's pre-Christmas rush.

Mr Paul Dowling, operations director for Carrefour Hypermarkets, said that sales of electrical appliances and consumer durables had more than doubled and the number of purchases made on credit had trebled.

That suggests a general suspicion that the Government may introduce further credit restrictions.

Phillips and Drew, the stockbrokers, in their pre-Budget forecast published this morning, predict that the Chancellor will add 10p a gallon on petrol, 5p on a packet of 20 cigarettes, 2p on a pint of beer, 50p on a bottle of spirits, 15p on each bottle of wine, and £10 on the road fund licence.

Parents to meet MP over pregnancy drug

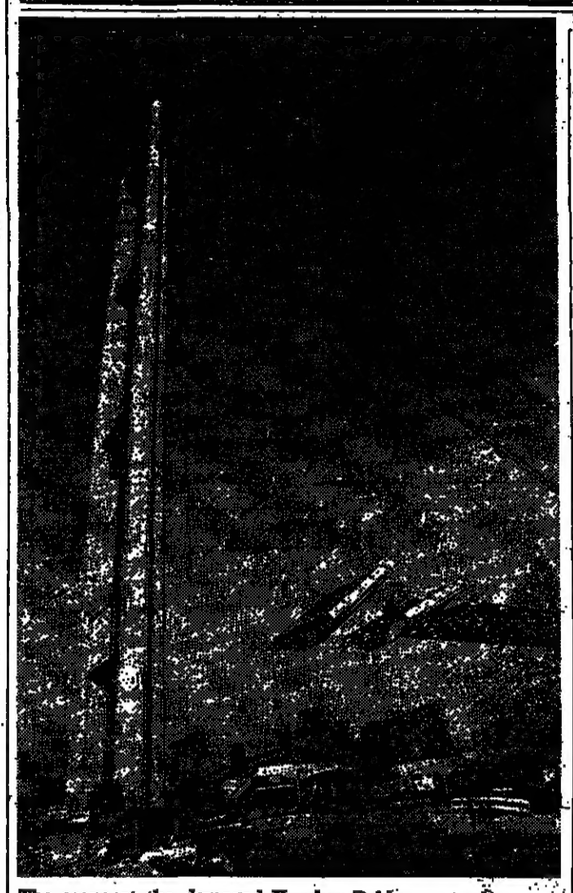
By Our Health Services Correspondent

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, is to meet a group of parents this week who believe that their children's birth defects were caused by taking the anti-nausea drug, Debendox, during pregnancy.

A jury in Orlando, Florida, on Friday decided that the drug caused limb and chest defects in a boy. His mother sued the manufacturing company, demanding $12m (£5.5m) compensatory and punitive damages, but was awarded only $20,000 (£9,170) to cover the boy's medical expenses.

Mr Ashley said yesterday that he thought the drug should be withdrawn from the market.

The Department of Health and Social Security said that the drug was not being taken off the market, but the Committee on the Safety of Medicines had been asked last month to review the evidence about the drug because of public concern.



The scene at the damaged Humber Bridge yesterday.

Bridge road section back in position

From Our Correspondent
Hull

Work continued during the weekend on repairing the damage to the Humber Bridge caused by the 100ft fall of a crane gantry on Friday.

One of the two displaced 140-ton road sections which had been left hanging at an agle of 45 degrees when suspension cables snapped had been put back in position yesterday. Sightseers watched engineers working on the second section.

The gantry lay across a third section on the foreshore.

It may be a week before government factory inspectors and British Bridge Builders' engineers know what caused the gantry to twist from its track and fall when it was being moved ready for another big lift. The gantries had previously lifted 81 of the 124 box road sections when the accident happened.

One man was still detained in hospital yesterday with head and leg injuries.

Today the 600 bridge builders will work normally on the unaffected sections.

It was hoped to have completed the road to the tower by the middle of next month and it is not expected to be long delayed by the accident.

Mrs Thatcher brings party faithful alive

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Dressed in a black suit to match the sombre mood of her audience, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said on Saturday in carefully modulated words that floated across the coffin-shaped orchestra pit that the Government woud not claim at the next general election it had created heaven on earth.

The previous day the pit had yawned ominously below Cabinet ministers addressing the subdued Conservative Central Council conference in Bournemouth; but now it had been covered over by blue fabric. The Prime Minister was the first government spokesman to bring the party faithful alive.

It is an audience that no Tory government can afford to ignore, though Mrs Thatcher nearly did. Representatives to the Central Council, which met over the weekend, are the staff officers of the voluntary army of party supporters, the constituency party chairmen, regional officials and agents.

More than that, now that the party has broken away from the "magic circle", they are part of the process of the succession, since they hoped Mrs Thatcher to succeed to the leadership. Strange, then, that the Prime Minister at one time considered giving the council a miss; but better advice, including that of Lord Thorneycroft, the party chairmen, prevailed.

Mrs Thatcher, inevitably, got a standing ovation at the end of her speech; but so did Lord Thorneycroft an hour or two before, the first platform speaker to do so after a slightly restless conference on Friday.

He showed again his instinctive feel for an audience, opening their mouths with laughter before getting them to swallow the message. The Southend, East, by-election was nearly a disaster, he told them, but it should be taken as an illustration of the battle the party and the Government had on its hands.

There was a lot of emotion about faint hearts when times get rough. The advice of Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, was to ignore what he described as "fair weather friends" or "cosy critics".

It was Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, who had to face the most severely critical motion on the agenda. It regretted "the Government's delay in introducing legislation to deal with secondary picketing, secondary disputes and other industrial matters".

Mrs C. M. Thornton-Berry, from the Richmond (Yorkshire) Conservative Association, described his "tread softly" approach as misconceived. "There are many of us who fear it is too little and know it to be too late", she said.

Mr Prior had a bad start by missing his train, causing the agenda to be rearranged for his benefit, but he fought back against his critics in winding up the debate, winning an overwhelming majority when it came to a vote.

With the Budget not far from their minds, the representatives were told by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for Social Services, that as the minister with the largest spending programme of all, about 40 per cent of public spending, there was no way his programmes could be immune from cuts in public expenditure.

Mr Jenkin said: "Indeed, I go further. Unless my programmes contribute their share towards the stern disciplines we need over the next year or two, then it is those whom my programmes service who will suffer the most in the longer term."

That was why in the Social Security Bill there were guarantees that pensioners and other long-term social security beneficiaries would be at the very least protected against rises in prices.

A motion congratulating the Prime Minister "on her vigorous assertion of British interests with regard to our budgetary contribution" to the EEC and calling on her to take strong measures to achieve a just and equitable solution was approved by the conference.

Thatcher pledge to stand firm

By Our Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher gave warning on Saturday that there would be no alteration in the overall economic strategy, even if it meant losing office at the next general election.

Too often in the past Governments, when the immediate economic danger was over, had lacked the resolve to stick to the task until the job was done, she told the Conservative Control Council conference at Bournemouth "if we shrink from the task of cutting public spending, the result will be breakneck inflation".

Cuts achieved nothing if they were cancelled out by huge unearned wage increases. That was why, as every Government had known for more than a decade, it was essential to restore the balance of bargaining power in industry.

The steel strike "by decent, honourable men", went right to the heart of the difficulty facing the country. Negotiations had been deadlocked because British Steel had no money, the Government was not prepared to ask the taxpayer to find more money and the unions had refused to accept the offer that management had made.

But Mrs Thatcher reiterated that there would be no weakening by the Government and no intervention.

Intervention simply prevented people from solving the difficulty for themselves. Britain was paying the price for years and years of government intervention.

On trade union reform, the Prime Minister said the Government had begun the task of embodying in law the kind of rules to which even Labour paid lip service in the "fearful crisis of last winter".

"Others have tried and have been frightened off", she said. "We are not going to be frightened off. We are resolved that what happened to other governments shall not happen to us. As soon as the present Employment Bill is approved, we shall be making proposals for further reforms."

Labour 'moderates' to form group

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Claiming to represent the mainstream of Labour opinion within the Parliamentary Labour Party, a group of about 40 "moderate" Labour MPs will meet at the Commons tomorrow formally to establish their organization and choose a name for their group.

One suggestion is the "Labour First" Forum, to signify its position in relation to the left-wing Tribune Group, to which about 80 Labour MPs belong, and the right-wing Manifesto Group, which claims about the same number of adherents. It will probably be called the Mainstream Group, however.

The MPs have been meeting unofficially for several weeks beausse they are worried about the impression created outside Parliament that the parliamentary party is polarized in two distinct camps, and about the seeming inability of the "moderates" to make their views known collectively.

Mr James Callaghan, the party leader, knows of the plan to launch a formal organization but has never been asked for his approval because his dislike of groups within the party is well known.

He wants the PLP to act in unison, embracing the whole spectrum of views within the party, and deciding on joint action on the main task, to oppose the Government and to decide on policies that will lead to Labour winning the next election. Divisiveness he sees as a handicap.

In the forefront of the organizing cadre are former ministers Mr Brynmor John (Pontypridd), Mr John Grant (Islington, Central), Mr John Morris, QC (Aberavon), Mr Harry Ewing (Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth), Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe), Mr Charles Morris (Manchester, Openshaw), Mr John Gilbert (Dudley, East), Mr Clinton Davis (Hackney, Central) and Mr Peter Archer, QC (Warley, West).

They and the other backbenchers inwovled say they are instinctively "non-joiners" of campaigning groups but feel that something must be done to fill the vacuum.

Mr Charles Morris said last night: "We think the PLP has become too polarized and want to show that there is a mainstream of opinion within the party, a majority of Labour MPs, which puts the future of the party first.

"It is a question of like minds coming together rather than a deliberate attempt to form a tightly run organization. Occasionally we have had a few members of both the Manifesto Group and the Tribune Group at our meetings."

Members reckon they could recruit a membership of about 100. They will no doubt be bringing their influence to bear on the commission of inquiry which is considering the future organization of the party.

Tonight the PLP meets at the Commons to agree on the memoranda of evidence it proposes to submit to the commission.

Minister says tough Budget necessary

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Finance Bill comes before the House.

The Conservative critics say that if the child benefit increase is kept below that given in social security family benefits, the incentive to work will be reduced further.

The party whips and other backbenchers are urging the "rebels" to wait and see the Government's package as a whole before they make a judgment.

That is because there has been reliable guidance that the Government intends to abolish the earnings-related unemployment benefit and that the flat rates for short-term unemployment, sickness and welfare benefits are not to be increased this year in line with the rise in the cost of living.

It could be 5 per cent less than indexation would decree, and the unemployment benefit changes are definitely intended as the Government's remedy for the "why work?" syndrome, which has been so strongly urged by Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Reg Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security, also indicated on Saturday that the Government is nearly ready with its measure to force unions to bear more of the financial burden of supporting strikers' families.

He told a meeting at Swindon: "The Labour Party will inevitably oppose this action. They prefer to see taxpayers' money being used to subsidize strikes."

Mr Prentice said the Budget would have to be tough.

"No doubt it will be unpopular in many ways, but we are entitled to ask people to consider the alternative. If Labour were in office we should be on a very fast road towards national bankruptcy."

Even though retirement pensions are to remain inflation-proofed, as Mr Patrick Jenkin Secrtary of State for Social Services, pledged on Saturday, there could be savings of £500m in social security payments in a full year.

Some of the changes will require separate legislation, so they may not be authorized by November unless the Government decides to force a quick Bill through Parliament, using the guillotine.

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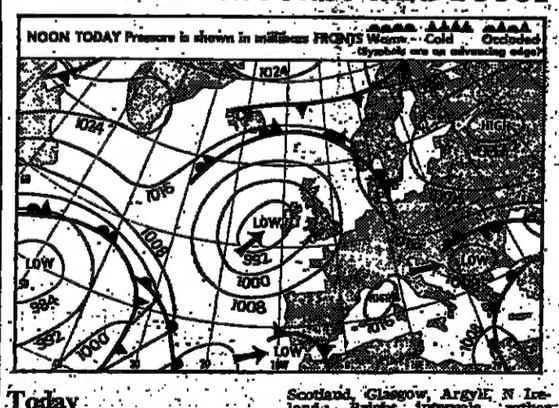

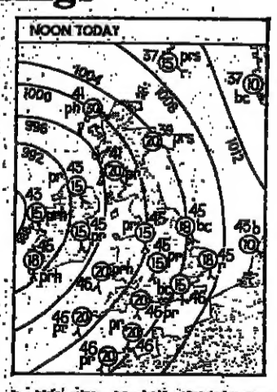

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Today

Sun rises: 6.54 am. Sun sets: 7.21 pm
Moon sets: 3.20 am. Moon rises: 12.15 pm
Full moon: March 31.

Lighting up: 7.51 pm to 6.22 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.16 am, 6.4m; 8.47 pm, 6.1m. Avonmouth, 1.10 am, 10.4m; 1.51 pm, 10.0m. Dover, 5.26 am, 5.5m; 6.5 pm, 5.3m. Hull, 12.23 am, 6.1m; 12.54 pm, 5.7m. Liverpool, 5.49 am, 7.6m; 6.30 pm, 7.4m. 1ft=0.3048m. 1m=3.2808ft

A deep depression will remain slow-moving to W Ireland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia, E England: Sunny intervals and showers after early cloud and rain clear; wind S, fresh; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°).

Central N and S, NW and SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, some heavy and prolonged with thunder, snow on high ground; wind SW, fresh to strong; max temp 5° to 11°C (48° to 52°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright intervals, rather cloudy in many places, showers, some heavy and prolonged, wintry on hills; wind S to SW, fresh to strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Rain or sleet dying out, followed by showers, some bright intervals developing; wind S to SE, fresh or strong; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Occasional sleet or snow turning to rain or showers; wind E to SE, fresh to strong; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to 45°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Occasional sleet or snow moving N, turning to rain; wind E, fresh to strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Unsettled, rather cold with night frosts, but in S temp will be near normal at times.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover; Wind S, strong, locally gale; sea very rough.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel, W: SW, strong, locally gale, sea very rough.

Irish Sea: Wind S or SE, strong, locally gale; visibility good, sea very rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet.

Aroth	f	21	70	Cologne	s	9	48	L Palmas	s	17	63
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Barcelona	s	14	57	Edinburgh	f	4	39	London	c	8	46
Beirut	s	21	70	Florence	s	11	52	Luxembrg	f	6	43
Belfast	sl	3	37	Frankfurt	r	18	64	Madrid	f	11	52
Berlin	s	6	41	Geneva	s	4	39	Majorca	s	15	59
Biarritz	s	14	57	Gibraltar	f	15	61	Malaga	s	16	61
Birmingham	f	5	41	Guernsey	r	7	45	Malta	f	18	64
Bristol	f	6	43	Helsinki	s	4	39	Manchstr	sl	3	37
Brussels	s	6	43	Innsbruck	s	11	52	Moscow	s	4	39
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Cardiff	f	6	43	Jersey	f	8	46	Naples	f	13	55

Nice	f	14	57
Oslo	s	-3	27
Paris	s	8	46
Reykjavik	f	12	55
Rome	s	16	61
Ronldswy	c	3	37
Stockholm	c	-2	28
Tel Aviv	s	21	70
Venice	s	8	46
Vienna	c	3	37
Warsaw	s	3	37
Zurich	c	5	41

Saturday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 0°C (32°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 35 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 9.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,004.8 millibars, rising.

Yesterday

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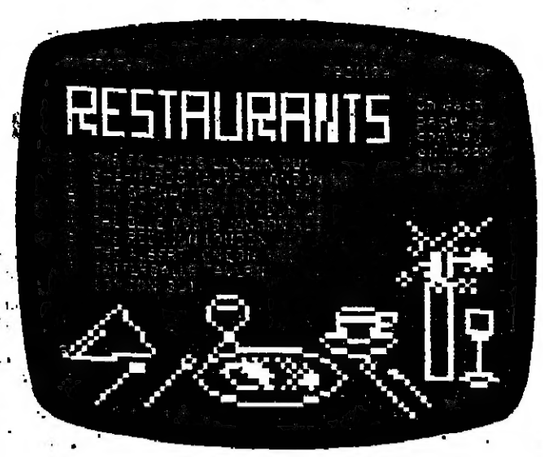

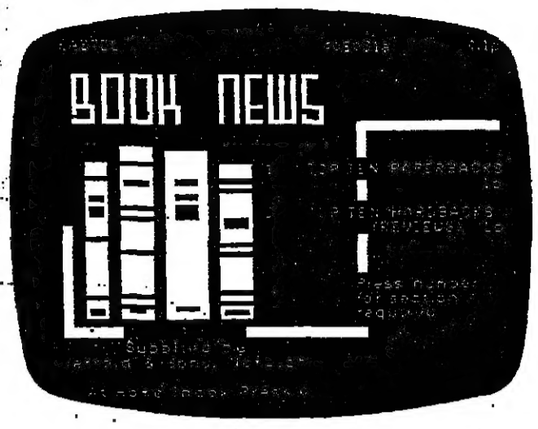

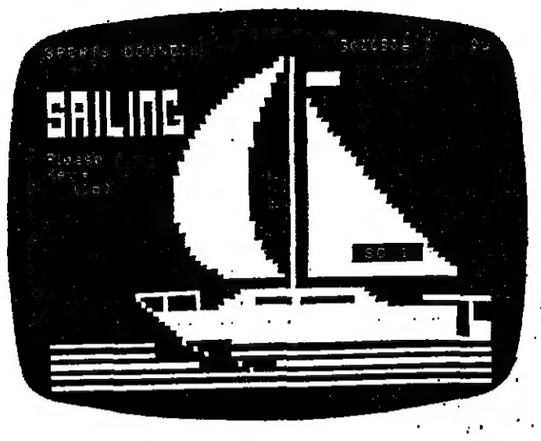

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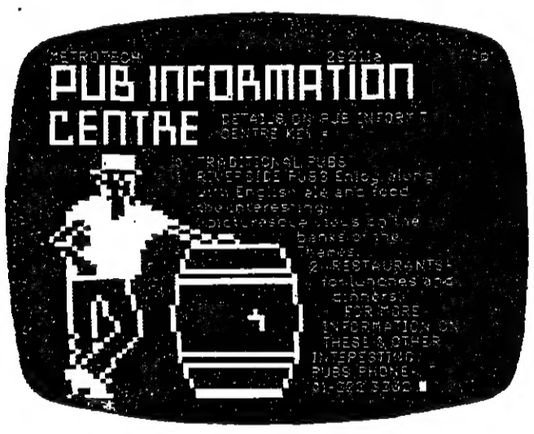

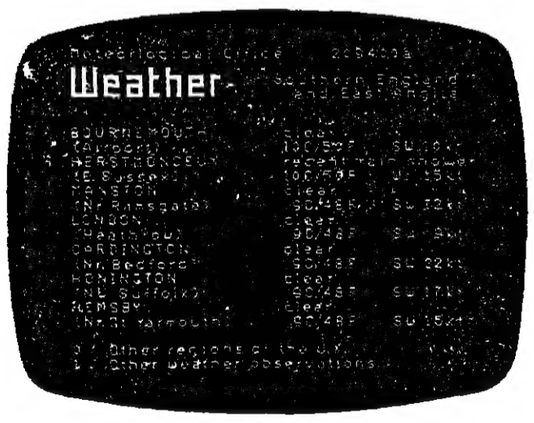

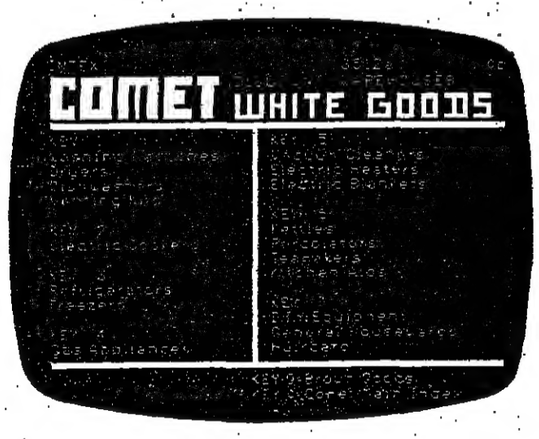

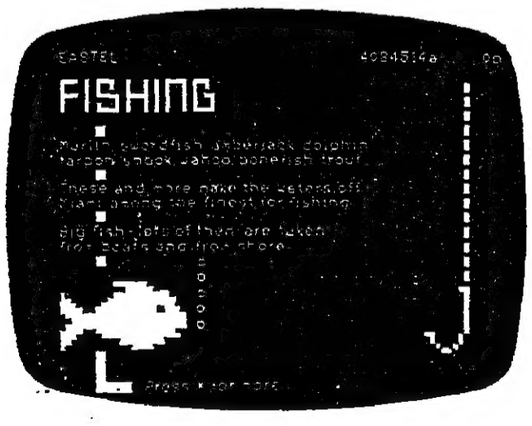

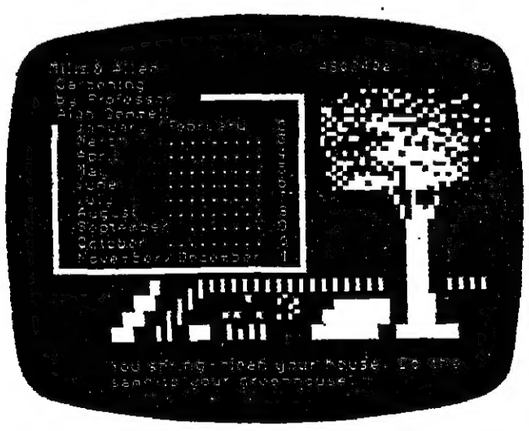

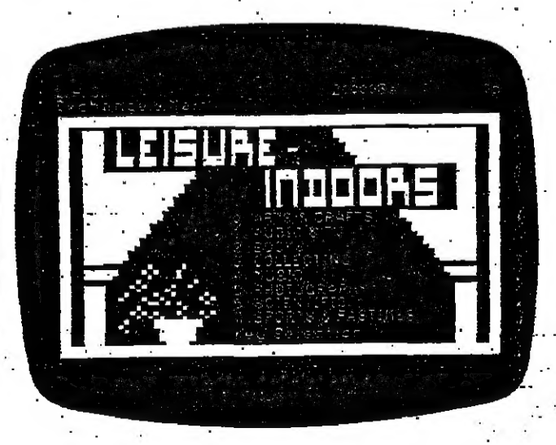

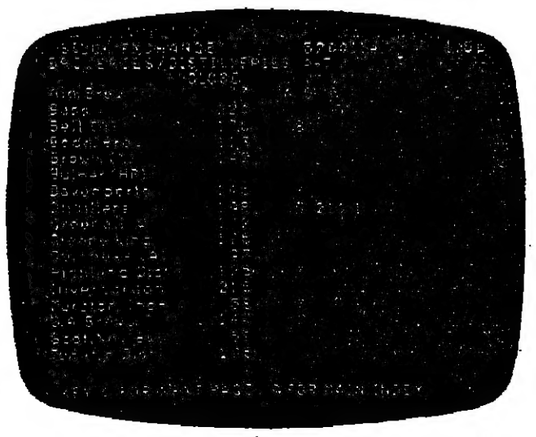

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HOME NEWS

Minister in new guidance warns social security fraud staff to avoid offending honest people

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Social security staff have been told by Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Social Security, that they must keep a sense of proportion about his new anti-fraud campaign. In Circular D 26/80, Mr Prentice refers to existing guidance which emphasizes that "fraud work must not result in unacceptable treatment of perfectly honest people".

A copy of the guidance to which Mr Prentice refers has reached *The Times*. Called simply the "*Fraud Investigators' Guide*", it replaces secret codes that have been leaked and criticized as being too harsh.

The change is deliberate, the guide says. Under the heading A "guide" not a "code", it says: "Fraud work cannot be done by numbers". The guide nevertheless refers newcomers to fraud work, for whom it is intended, to a dozen secret codes still in use, as well as to numerous forms.

Fraud specialists are expected to establish and maintain the "right contacts" with the police, the post office, local authorities and local offices of *the Department of Employment*, the guide says. If they are not receiving effective cooperation from such contacts, they are advised to seek help from more senior staff.

The guide also makes clear that fraud specialists are expected to act speedily on suspicious cases in order to bring prosecutions under social security, rather than criminal, law. It lists two main advantages:

The burden of proof is more strict under criminal law; spouses can give evidence against each other in prosecutions brought to summary trial under social security law but that is debarred under criminal law.

Fraud work is not an optional extra but an integral part of the work of the Department of Health and Social Security, the guide says; but effective results must be achieved in ways consistent with the administration of an important social service.

"Though your work may mean that a high proportion of the people you deal with are cheats, the department has millions of honest claimants", the guide says. "Firm measures against fraud must not result in the unacceptable treatment of perfectly honest people."

The combination required of effective investigation and scrupulously fair methods calls for a continuous sense of balance in a sensitive area of work, the guide says. It adds: "No tight-rope walker can succeed all the time".

Fraud investigators must adhere to the Judges' Rules when interviewing suspects, the guide says. They must not act *as agents provocateurs*.

For example, they may buy an ice cream from a suspect selling them to the general public, but they must not ask for estimates for building work from someone suspected of doing private work on the side. Evidence must be sought from the suspect's clients.

The department's policy, the guide says, is to prosecute cases of proven fraud wherever appropriate, but local offices have discretionary powers to close a case.

Those powers cover trivial cases, more serious ones where there is voluntary disclosure or welfare reasons, or where either there is not enough evidence or the fraud would not affect the total amount of benefit payable.

The welfare cases include those where a claimant suffers from a serious mental or physical condition, or nervous trouble, particularly if suicide is mentioned. But the guide later tells the fraud investigator to advise a suspect threatening suicide to keep matters in perspective.

Much of the guide is taken up with tackling the two most common types of fraud: not declaring work while drawing benefit, and a woman drawing benefit while living with a man.

Less space is given to guidance on preventing fraud, although the guide emphasizes that fraud specialists should make their colleagues who pay our benefit aware of the need to watch for particular weaknesses in the system.

Mr Prentice in his letter to staff says that he is determined to make the new anti-fraud campaign a success. But he reminds them that fraud work remains a small proportion of the department's work. The 1,000 additional posts for specialist fraud officers is a "substantial commitment", but compares with 87,000 social security staff the department will employ in 1980-81.

"We are not forgetting that our main function is to see that benefits are paid to those who are properly entitled to them", he writes.

Photograph by Chris Bell

A stallholder showing a spaniel puppy to a customer at the Club Row market in east London yesterday. Unlicensed traders stayed away because of a demonstration by about 200 people, mostly women, who shouted at the animal sellers.

'Rhodesian' plan for Ulster urged

Mr Brian Lenihan, Foreign Affairs Minister in the Irish Republic, yesterday urged Britain to withdraw long-standing guarantees to the Ulster Unionists about the future of Northern Ireland.

He said that pledges that Ulster would remain part of the United Kingdom until the majority in the province decided otherwise should be replaced by an Anglo-Irish declaration worked out in negotiations between the two governments.

Mr Lenihan, who was speaking in an Irish radio interview, is to have talks in Dublin soon with Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Their meeting will mark the first direct ministerial contact on Northern Ireland between London and Dublin since Mr Charles Haughey became Prime Minister of the republic

Mr Lenihan confirmed that prospects for eventual Irish *unity, the long-term aim* of Mr Haughey's government, would be high on the agenda at the talks with Mr Atkins.

Mr Lenihan's remarks are certain to prompt bitter criticism from "loyalist" politicians in Northern Ireland. He said that the present position in Ulster amounted to a negative veto for the Unionists.

"The guarantee is a blockage to any relevant discussions and is not acceptable", Mr Lenihan said.

Britain should apply expertise similar to that used in Rhodesia to work out a solution in Ulster. The Irish would be forthcoming in getting down to negotiations.

Terrorist burnt: A man very ill with 80 per cent burns was left outside a hospital in Dundalk, in the Irish Republic, shortly after a bomb attack on a customs post near Newry, Northern Ireland, police said yesterday. They believe a terrorist was severely burnt when a bomb he was planting on Saturday night went off prematurely. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the attack.

Phosphate 'mine' found under sea

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A new source of phosphate rock has been discovered by an oceanographic research team, which is richer than most of the refined phosphates that form a basic material of the world's fertilizer industry.

The discovery was made on an expedition of the research ship Shackleton of the Natural Environmental Research Council.

During a survey of the floor of the Atlantic near the Equator a large deposit of phosphatized limestone was discovered. A description of rock and how it came to be formed is the subject of a paper by Dr E. J. W. Jones and Dr D. A. Goddard, geologists at University College London, in the journal *Deep-Sea Research*.

The two geologists are eager to attract the attention of commercial mineral prospectors to this underwater mine, which has economic implications that are not often associated with the location of unusual minerals of academic importance.

Dr Jones said yesterday that economic interest in the ocean floor has focused primarily on the prospects for petroleum along the continental margins and on accumulations of metal oxides and sulphides found recently on volcanically active ridges.

The finds are richer than most material mined from the land deposits, principally in the United States, Morocco and the Soviet Union. The price of phosphate rock has risen at the same rate as the markets in oil.

Using the description adopted for international trade in phosphorites for the fertilizer industry, the rocks contain an average of 86 per cent of tri-phosphate of lime.

Although phosphorites have been reported in other ocean studies, this find is unusual in the size, richness and depth of water of the deposit. It is about 800 metres deep.

Mining operations, such as the recovery of metalliferous sediments from the Red Sea, are conducted in deeper waters.

The deposit is in the Atlantic above the Equator and about 900 kilometres due west of Freetown. An analysis was made of rocks ranging from 0.2 to 32 kilograms.

An explanation of the formation in the journal tells of a submerged volcano capped by an immense layer of material.

Fossil evidence shows that in early Tertiary time, 50 million years ago, the crest of the volcano called Annan Seamount lay near the surface.

It supported a thriving coral reef, which grew upwards as the volcano gradually subsided. The reef became greatly enriched in phosphorus from decaying organisms that flourished and died in the vicinity.

An elaborate chemical process incorporated the phosphorus into the reef limestone. The process ended when the circulation pattern of the Atlantic underwent a great change that altered the shape of the huge geological basin containing the volcano.

Dilemma on land in Edinburgh

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The futuer of some 20 acres of vacant land on the fringe of Edinburgh's historic city centre is to be discussed at a public meeting today. It has been called by the local branch of the Civic Trust, known as the Cockburn Association, which is anxious to spur the city council into reaching some decisions.

They are one or two adjacent sites, formerly occupied by the Caledonian railway station and goods yard. Although relatively small compared with the dereliction to be seen in places like Glasgow or Liverpool, it is felt to be a serious blemish on the face of a city that is said to attract more tourists than any other in Britain outside London.

Since the council acquired the land from British Rail, there has been no shortage of suggestions for its use. But, as Mr Charles Prosser, of the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland, said: "There are too many ideas and too little money".

Ideally the city planners would like to see the inner site, fronting Lothian Road, leased or sold for offices and shops, the proceeds from which could be used to finance new housing on the outer site, on Morrison Street. But the economic recession has depressed the property market and in any case, it is argued, Edinburgh already has an embarrassing amount of empty office space.

So far the only proposal to have met general acclaim is British Rail's plan for a 400-bedroom extension to the Caledonian Hotel. The Distillers Company is interested in a site nearby for new offices, but Mr Oliver Barratt, secretary of the Cockburn Association, fears that piecemeal development will destroy any chances of creating a unified "streetscape".

In what is one of the best planned cities in Europe, that is a particularly sensitive issue. Moreover, the association believes that grouping commercial buildings on one site and housing on another goes against Edinburgh's tradition of a high residential element in the central area.

Mr Nicholas Fort, the council's director of physical planning, points out that plans for the Lothian Road site are awaiting decisions on the route of a new road and on a possible conference centre.

Higher cigarettes tax urged to cut smoking

By Annabel Ferriman
Health Services Correspondent

Taxation on cigarettes should be raised each year by more than the rate of inflation to reduce smoking and smoking-related diseases, the Conservative Bow Group says in a pamphlet published today.

It suggests ways in which the Government could get better value from the National Health Service at a time of "public anxiety at the effect that spending cuts might have".

Its main recommendations include fluoridation of the water supply, financial incentives for mothers to immunise their children and attend ante-natal clinics, and that foreign nationals should pay to use the health service.

It says that 50,000 premature deaths a year result from smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer, bronchitis and heart ailments, and suggests that when the voluntary advertising agreement between the Government and the tobacco industry runs out at the end of this month, advertising should be banned in cinemas and in magazines with a high youth readership.

Fluoridation would reduce tooth decay and benefit health service resources and the welfare of children. The general public has shown no antipathy to fluoride and most people use fluoridated toothpaste, it says.

Perinatal mortality declined when the rate of attendance at antenatal clinics improved, so the maternity grant should be conditional on early and regular attendance. Similarly, child benefit should be paid in the second six months of a child's life only if the mother could produce a certificate showing she attended a child welfare clinic.

The pamphlet, which is the Bow Group's submission on the Government's proposals for the National Health Service, criticizes the Government's rejection of the royal commission's proposal that accountability for the service be transferred to the regional health authorities.

That proposal deserved more consideration. "For one thing, it is completely in line with one of the Government's stated objectives 'to establish a structure . . . within which decisions can be taken quickly by those who are close to and responsive to the needs of patients'."

It favours the abolition of the area tier of management, greater use of contract labour and an increase in charges in line with inflation. It opposes, however, new charges in the service (for example, "hotel" charges for in-patients) because "in most cases the cost of administering these is prohibitive".

Family doctors should have to provide only a daytime commitment (8 am to 8 pm), with the NHS accepting responsibility for an out-of-hours emergency service; prescribing of drugs by their generic names instead of trade names should be encouraged; and discussions should be started with the profession on a compulsory retirement age, it says.

A Healthier Future, by Dr David Tod and others (Bow Group, 240 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7DT; £2).

Post Office's mail service 'not value for money'

The Post Office mail service is not providing value for money, three consumer organizations say in a joint report published yesterday. The service has slipped by 5 per cent over the past 10 years, according to the Mail Users' Association, the Telephone Users' Association and the Association of Telecommunications Users.

The evidence on the Post Office accounts to the Select Committee on Industry and Trade they call for a value-for-money-index, combining prices and speed delivery.

They claim that less information is available than a decade ago and want reports published, with quarterly statements giving the main aspects of performance. Statements of Post Office prospects, which lapsed after 1969, should be reintroduced, they say.

Mr Michael Corby, director of the Mail Users' Association, says: "The Post Office needs to be pressed to produce information which is easier to understand and which gives a more comprehensive guide to performance and plans than that currently available.

"The Post Office hitherto has assured users it would be best if it was left to work out such matters for itself. This approach has not produced the necessary results".

The Post Office said yesterday that it would study the report, to see whether it was saying anything useful. It acknowledged that because of staffing, industrial relations difficulties and other factors last summer the service to customers fell below standard in some places.

"Since then there has been a recovery, and as far as the postal service is concerned the volume of items handled daily is continuing to rise. "The Post Office gives customers a good service at a price which will stand comparison with nearly every other country, and we are still striving to improve it".

Survey leaves lead-in-petrol issue in the air

By Our Science Editor

A government review of the effect of lead on health, to be published this week, leaves the most controversial aspect of the subject, the removal of lead additives from petrol, unresolved.

The study was arranged by the Department of Health and Social Security, and led by Professor P. J. Lawther, architect of London's clean air legislation.

Evidence has been accumulating over the past decade to suggest that lead is a source of brain damage among infants in urban areas. The report emphasizes that the link between retarded mental development and petrol-lead pollution in cities is difficult to evaluate.

In the absence of absolute confirmation, the working party has attached more weight to eliminating from our diet lead from water pipes, tins, paint and industrial emissions.

There is no argument about the hazards of lead. It has been known for more than fifty years that it attacks the central nervous system, or is a neurotoxin.

The controversy turns on the evidence suggesting that brain damage affecting intelligence occurs even at subclinical levels of exposure in urban areas subjected to pollution from the exhausts of petrol engines.

A number of studies point to that conclusion, and the most suggestive of those findings, by a group working with Dr H. L. Needleman, of Havard, has been examined by the working party.

Dr Michael Butter, a professor of psychiatry in London, has singled out the Needleman work in his contribution to the report. His examination forms the principle scientific analysis of the lead from petrol.

The conclusions of the report based on that information find no immediate need to abolish lead additive in petrol in the absence of inconrovertible proof of the degree of brain damage that might arise from it.

That question is deferred pending the outcome of work to be done in Southampton and Birmingham, supported by the Medical Research Council.

Concord stirs the sabb calm

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A roar from th might have added extra-terrestrial au quite a few sons in yesterday morning, flew low over the c its sabbath calm an the attention of a spectators at the air is landed, and wa for miles around.

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Five gain f points in a crossword

The first regional 1980 Cutty Sark/Ta Crossword Champ determined by a place yesterday in and was attended petitors.

There were fou be solved, each in t puzzle points beig each clue correctly maximum of 124 was achieved by fi tors, and their points, reflecting taken.

The winner, wit puzzle points and 78 points, was Mr Ph a civil servant, of who has three time qualified for the m

The runner-up, qualified for the m in September, wa Davies, a universit of mathematics, o who scored 69 points.

Prizes were also p Mrs Lindsay Ramse of Cutty Sark Sco (for the third places) to Mr Steph Leicester, and Mr of Birmingham, who maximum puzzle po and 50 time bo respectively.

10,000 in C welcome

Robin Cousins, t figure skating gold ner, returned to a welcome in his ho Bristol on Saturday.

A crowd estimate than 10,000 cheered drove around the in an open bus befo Mr Thomas Clarke, Mayor, and being with a crystal ball, the city.

Tubercular risk to children at dental clinic

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

Tuberculosis was confirmed yesterday in a Nottingham dental clinic worker. Six children treated there have been infected and more than a thousand others are to be examined.

Other children may have been exposed to infection after receiving dental treatment at health centres in the Sneinton and St Ann's districts of Nottingham.

Dr Kenneth Mason, community health physician, said the children at risk were those who had their teeth treated at the clinics between October and December last year.

Chartered body suggested for engineers

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

The engineering profession should have a registration council on the lines of the General Medical Council and established under royal charter, the Institution of Municipal Engineers says in a submission to the Government today in response to the report of the Finniston inquiry.

In its submission the institution rejects the report's proposal for a Government-controlled engineering authority. It would be a misuse of resources and be very expensive relatively in terms of public funds

13 poison canisters found in sweep of island beaches

From Our Correspondent
Newport, Isle of Wight

A hovercraft and a team of 300 volunteer firemen, hoteliers and teenagers yesterday found 13 canisters, six of them dangerous, in a search of 65 miles of Isle of Wight beaches for chemicals washed up from two ships.

The sweep was an attempt to protect Easter visitors from any danger from leaking fumes.

Since last November about 1,200 canisters of poison have been washed on to the island's shores. Fumes from 20 of them, containing arsenic trichloride, would have been lethal. Firemen have to put on fumeproof suits to deal with this chemical.

The hovercraft was used yesterday to land firemen at coves and bays with difficult access but which are nevertheless popular with visitors who wish to escape the crowds.

A spokesman for the island's fire brigade said: "The operation has been well worthwhile. It began at 7.30 am and we have collected 13 suspect canisters, of which six proved to be hazardous to the public. We have searched the entire 65 miles of island shore.

"Our volunteers have also cleared away between 1,000 and 2,000 unsightly tin cans of all kinds."

Two die in final test of aircraft for UN mission

From Our Correspondent
Leeds

A final flight check ended in the deaths of a young pilot and ground engineer yesterday as they were preparing to fly on a United Nations overseas mission from Leeds-Bradford airport at Yeadon.

In almost perfect flying conditions a Cessno 414 eight-seater aircraft valued at £100,000 spiralled from about 200 feet, hit a tree and exploded into flames.

The aircraft had been painted in the United Nations colours and was due to leave the airport today for a communications and transport role in Pakistan.

Captain Barry Thornhill, aged 23, and Mr Paul Somers, aged 22, both bachelors, took up the aircraft for a check. It was turning into the final approach when, according to eye-witnesses, it spiralled and crashed into a field about a mile from the airport.

Call for parents to answer for vandalism

From Arthur Osman
Leicester

Parents should be required to answer for the acts of their children in cases of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, a report to be discussed on Wednesday by Leicestershire County Council states.

One of its other main suggestions is that courts should be empowered to make community service orders against juvenile offenders.

A working party that spent 17 months examining vandalism says legislation is also needed authorizing the police to require parents to attend at police stations and courts to hear evidence against their children involved in vandalism; and to enable police to tackle truancy and to return a child to school.

It also recommends that in addition to reducing the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to eight years of age the use of attendance centres and the juvenile bureau should be extended. The age limit of 10 to 16 for admission to centres should be extended to eight to 18, and greater police resources should be made available to run an extended attendance centre service.

The county council will seek the views of the Home Office and the Association of County Council's on the recommendations.

The report states: There is no doubt that to some extent the police are under severe restrictions and limitations in carrying out their duties of law and order enforcement and there is evidence to show that, so far as many youngsters are concerned, a police presence means nothing at all. The pendulum has swung too far the other way compared with the situation which applied some years ago.

Police, schoolteachers, caretakers, bus conductors, park attendants and other public servants, through no fault of their own, seem to have lost all power of control with regard to the apprehension of youngsters and there are so many organizations, of which the Council for Civil Liberties is one, paying attention to the way in which the law enforcement organizations apply their methods, that it is extremely difficult for them to carry out their duties without offending the rights and privileges of the individual.

There was also some evidence that police were handicapped in carrying out their duties by police complaints procedures, particularly the young policeman on foot patrol who was newly trained and alert to them.

He is alive to the fact that the pendulum has swung too far the other way compared with some years ago, when the application of a mild form of physical on-the-spot punishment was a recognized deterrent. There is evidence to show that a shadow of caution which can be to the benefit of the offender exists among police officers who, in some circumstances, experience difficulty in defending themselves.

The procedures should be reviewed.

There was without doubt a link between truancy from school and juvenile crime, the report adds. In many cases truancy was the early-warning system for vandalism. Schools could do more than they were doing.

We question whether enough is being done by teacher training colleges in preparing teachers not only academically but with an attitude towards controlling the discipline element in schools. A fresh look at the internal discipline system within school staffing arrangements is also called for and the working party questions whether enough is being done by the schools to inform the education authority of persistent truancy.

There was clearly no substitue for parental control, although evidence suggested that some parents abdicated their responsibilities.

The report accepted that physical punishment did not necessarily mean recipients became good citizens. Neither magistrates nor court officials advocated the return of corporal punishment.

The police could not act alone in the ight against vandalism and much more public involvement was required. More publicity should be given to steps that might be taken by all sections of the community to help; the feeling of a lack of community spirit must be dispelled.

Local authorities were not doing as much as they should and until they put their own house in order they could expect to take the brunt of the attack.

The steps advocated would involve considerable expense, but vandalism could not be reduced without cost.

Mr Whitelaw is not convinced on police changes

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The Government has yet to be convinced that changes need to be made in the administration of the police to give greater community control and accountability, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking on the London Weekend relevision programme, *Weekend World*, Mr Whitelaw said that in fact some police authorities were not making full use of the powers they have.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour MP for Blackburn, recently put forward a Bill to give police authorities more influence. But Mr Whitelaw said that the Government had no plans to adopt the Bill in its present form.

He urged that any changes should be approached without hurry after consultation with police authorities and chief constables.

National parks threatened, ramblers

By Our Planning Reporter

Fears that the Government may be considering reducing the size of the national parks, or even abolishing them, will be deepened by a statement issued today by the Ramblers' Association.

The statement refers to a discussion paper published last September by the Countryside Review Committee, which suggested that national parks and designated areas of outstanding national beauty should be replaced by a new two-tier system.

The top tier would include small areas of outstanding scenery, which would be administered by the Countryside Commission; the remaining areas would be classed as second tier and would be the responsibility of local authorities.

Expressing total opposition to the plan, the association says that it would mean the abolition of national parks as we know them. Areas such as the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and Dartmoor would be seriously threatened, and the importance of landscapes downgraded to second tier would be devalued.

Mr Ivor Morten, vice-chairman of the Peak Park Planning Board, in a farewell address to the board's management committee last Friday, gave warning of "strong forces lining up against the principle of national parks".

Mr Morten, who has been a Government-nominated member of the board since its inception in 1951, was informed only recently that he was not to be reappointed. He is known to have had a number of disagreements with Mr Norm chairman of Derbysh Council, who is also of the board.

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John Earle
March 23

dent Pertini today asked Francesco Cossiga to Italy's fortieth Govern- n the 35 years since the the war. A 52-year-old an Democrat from in Sardinia, Signor headed the outgoing n of Christian Demo- Social Democrats and 's which resigned on sday.

mplex task awaits the Minister designate, who begin consulting other immediately after a g of the Christian Demo- ecutive tomorrow. He to form an administra- ll in advance of a series nportant international ment in June, including gs in Venice of the Euro- Community Council and eWstern world's most ialized nations.

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a coalition would have ider majority of 327 303 in the Chamber of s, and, given the pro- of deputies to cast their secret ballots against rty whip, the Govern- future might not be for long. Its foundation be more secure if the

Signor Cossiga: asked to succeed himself.

Republican Party would also join, insuring 342 votes against 288 in the combined opposition.

Such a solution, however, would arouse the resentment of the Social Democrats and the Liberals, both of whom see no reason for being excluded. But a coalition of all five is likely in present conditions to be opposed by sections of the Christian Democrats and Socialists. The only certainty is that the Communists' demand for entry into government stands no chance of acceptance.

President Pertini has spent less time than his predecessors in the ritual of consultations before selecting a new Prime Minister. It was clear from the outset that the Christian Democrats' preference was for Signor Cossiga to succeed himself.

In some ways this political crisis has thrown into greater relief the vacuum of government and a tendency of other forces to move into that vacuum. A more directly political role has been played by both the President of the Republic and by the trade unions.

The 82-year-old President has borne the brunt of taking decisions to restore the morale of the judiciary, shaken by the assassination by terrorists of three magistrates in four days. He has held a series of meetings with outgoing ministers, representatives of the judiciary, and the heads of security.

The secretaries of the three big trade union confederations have been skirmishing with Signor Cossiga and won. He wrote them when he resigned that all negotiations affecting public employees should be considered suspended until a new government was formed.

The unions replied by telegram that they refused to accept this and also sent a letter to the political parties outlining their priorities for the problems facing the next government.

Signor Cossiga had to retreat and in a second letter to them admit that negotiations of a "technical nature" were possible during the governmental crisis. In consequence talks will resume this week on a contract for local government employees.

Legal risks in holding back EEC payments

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The question whether Britain could withhold payment to the EEC budget, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher has said might be necessary if no other way is found of reducing the British contribution, is receiving close attention from legal experts.

Apart from the risk that it might be illegal under Community law, it also raises questions of British law. It could conceivably be open to private citizens to bring an action against the Government.

It is emphasized in Whitehall that British policy remains to work for a negotiated solution, and that the Government intends to continue on this course with all the diplomatic skill and political pressure it can muster.

At the same time, the Prime Minister has indicated that if all else fails, consideration will be given to holding back the value added tax (VAT) element in the budget contribution, which is set annually at up to 1 per cent of VAT receipts.

The budget payments come under a decision of the original Six members of the Community made in 1970, known as the budget treaty. It became part of British law nder the European Communities Act, when Britain joined the EEC in 1973.

The payments are fixed for each year according to the revenue needs of the Community. Under the Commission's revised draft budget for the current year, the VAT element has been set at 0.68 per cent.

Face in the crowd: The Pope at Castel Santa Maria in central Italy yesterday. The town was devastated by an earthquake last year.

Firm Giscard stand on farm prices

From Ian Murray
Paris, March 23

President Giscard d'Estaing today reaffirmed his intention to fight to support French farmers at the forthcoming Brussels summit. He made it clear that he viewed any proposals to freeze prices as "unrealistic and unacceptable".

The President was in Lyons to open the fair there with M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, who was elected to a Lyons seat in the legislative election.

He said France had to strive to become independent in energy supply, develop advanced industries, improve the levels of technical education for the young and the wirkers, and above all to exploit its only "raw material"—agriculture.

Because of the importance of agriculture, the President went on, it was essential to make the most of what it could produce to improve the French economy. The Brussels proposals were not acceptable because of the increase in agricultural costs and industrial prices.

The President's chief concern, however, seemed to be that domestic politics had created a situation in which the leaders of the four main political groups refused to speak to each other. Within the opposition, the Socialists and Communists were at daggers drawn, while within the government coalition the Gaullists were constantly attacking govermetn policies.

The argument with the Gaullists was one of the main points raised by M Jean Lecanuet, president of the pro-Giscard Union pour la Democratie Francaise, at the group's weekend conference in Orleans. He told the 2,500 delegates that he hoped that the Gaullists would not attack their candidate so strongly before the presidential election that it would make things difficult afterwards

The conference showed that despite various tendancies inside the grouping, the delegates all supported the President's policies. They were urged to become a real political machine to secure the election of their candidate at next year's presidential election.

President Giscard d'Estaing has not yet announced his candidature, but in his speech today in Lyons he seemed again to be planning for a long political future. He said that he stood for the "just centre" which was not a neutral line but "a line of peace and understanding to follow with much care in these tempestuous times." It was a line, he said, which attracted twice as many critics as any other.

The UDF conference, which is the last the group will hold before the presidential election, seemed to echo these words in approving the need for a central force.

Police protection: Hundreds of anti-riot police were on hand as President Giscard d'Estaing opened the Lyons Industrial Fair.

The police were called chiefly to hold off an angry crowd of 1,000 leather-clad motorcyclists from all over France who were protesting against the recent increase in licence fees for two-wheeled vehicles.

entment in Brittany over oil spills

w lessons learnt om Amoco Cadiz

an Murray
March 23

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Navy has a crucial role in fensive plan. Ironically month's issue of the defence magazine, , there is a special emphasizing how well d the Navy is to combat ure "black tides".

cture of a filthy, greasy y beach accompanies the with the headline in l large type: "Never

picture was taken after noco Cadiz went down, could quite easily have aken this week on the lovely beaches, tar-covered after the Tanio broke in two in the Channel storms on March 7. This time there is no question of there having been a navigational error. The 22-year-old ship just broke in two.

Officially there was from the start little danger of large scale pollution. The bulk of the oil was trapped in the broken tanker's holds and what little had escaped was said to be unlikely to reach the coasts.

The bad weather certainly made it difficult for the Navy to break up the slicks that did appear, but in the final analysis it looks as though they were ill equipped to deal with the oil.

The oil was so thick it had to be kept heated to 50° C in order that it could be pumped. Once into the cold waters of the Channel it set into a thick coat, which was impervious to the only available dispersant chemicals and on which the chalk powder—which the Navy was advised to use—lay in useless drifts.

So the oil came ashore. But when it did there was a long delay before the land part of the protection plan was authorized by the Prefecture. In consequence the resources available were minimal when most needed

The reasons for the delay seem twofold. For one reason launching the plan costs a lot of money to the State. More importantly it attracts the sort of bad publicity that a tourist region like Brittany, which relies so heavily on its coastline to bring in visitors, can well do without.

The tardiness of the authorities coupled with fury at the fact that the much vaunted prevention plan had failed to work has caused deep resentment in Brittany.

Last week five dustbins full of Tanio oil scooped from the Brittany beaches were dumped on the pavement outside the Elysée Palace.

It also represents a protest at the fact that none of the 12 ministers involved in the protection plan had visited the area to see what things were like. If the Government would not come to the oil, then the oil would go to the Government.

The wreck of the Tanio prompted M Aymar Achille-Fould, the president of the Interministerial Sea Mission, to repeat once again the French argument that, as most of the 500 million tons of oil needed by Europe are shipped round the Brittany coast, then countries importing the oil should contribute to the cost of cleaning up the beaches.

curity conference may postponed by Spain

Harry Deebelius
, March 23

n is considering postponing European security con- which was to have been ere next autumn, the in- dent Madrid daily *El* eported today.

postponement of the con- , a sequel to the Hel- conference at which rights was an important was suggested un- ly earlier this month by officials. Doubts about fectiveness were voiced that by diplomats of s countries.

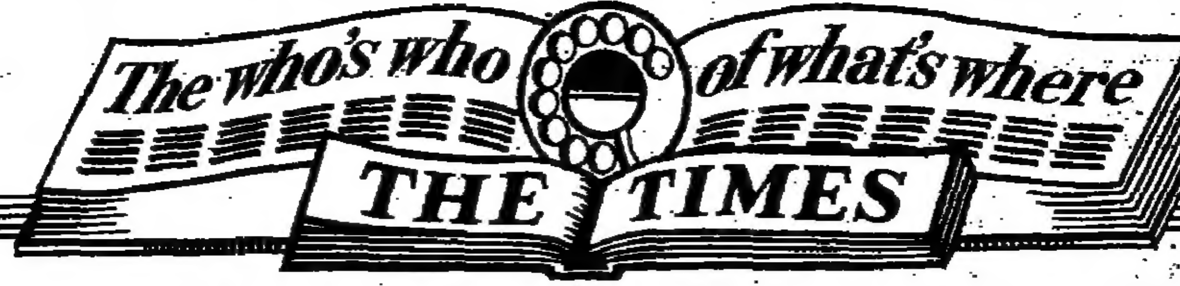
newspaper reported that Marcelina Oreja, the h Foreign Minister, will the matter at the meet- the Council of Europe ril 9 in Lisbon.

possibility of a delay is sult of international tension and events in Iran and Afghanistan.

A decision to hold the conference even a few months after the scheduled date of November 22 would make it possible for the United States to take a firm stance on the issues that arise, because there would be sufficient time after the presidential elections in November for the Administration to formulate policies.

Any postponement would also put back the date of the preparatory meeting for the conference, which was to have taken place here on September 11.

The Spanish Government is reported to be anxious to avoid a confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, such as that which occurred in Belgrade after the apparent easing of international tension at the Helsinki conference.



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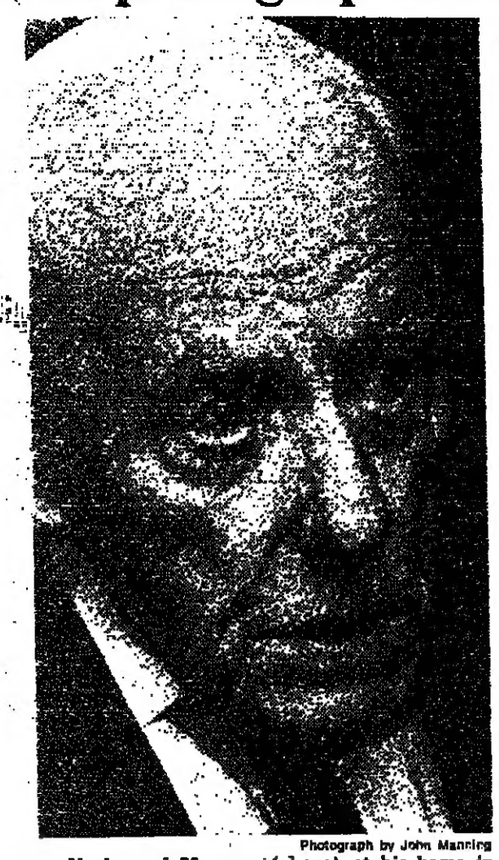

Photograph by John Manning

n Noel, aged 90 years (above) at his home in below) in 1924, with some of his photographic on a ledge at 22,000 feet on the North Peak.

By Arthur Loosley

" The bodies of Mallory and Irvine have not been found, and they never will be ", Captain J. B. Noel, the official photographer on the Royal Geographical Society's early Mount Everest Expeditions said. He was referring to his friends, George Leigh Mallory and Andrew Irvine, who died in the 1924 attempt on the mountain.

Bright-eyed in his ninety-first year, John Noel delights in an encyclopaedic memory, mustering facts and anecdotes about Everest, from the early efforts to obtain permission from the Dalai Lama to enter Tibet, to the technical details of photographic exposures and developing negatives with the aid of glacial water in a tent heated by a yak-dung stove.

As well as dozens of glass negatives, sent overland in batches to The Times, he exposed and developed some 12,000ft of cine film which was later shown to packed houses in London.

On the subject of Mallory and Irvine, who failed to return to their tent on June 8, 1924, after being seen within 1,000ft of the summit and still moving upwards, Captain Noel dismisses suggestions that their bodies may one day be found, to help settle the argument about whether they reached the top.

A body found by a Chinese climber in 1960 was that of Maurice Wilson, he says, and this view concurs with recent letters to The Times, including one from Dr Charles Warren who described how in 1935 he had found and buried the body of Wilson, who had died on a solo attempt the previous year. The body found by the Chinese was almost certainly that of Wilson, which had reemerged from the ice at a lower point 25 years later.

Might this not also happen in the case of Mallory and Irvine ? Captain Noel thinks not. From where at least one of them is presumed to have died (and the only evidence is an ice axe identified as belonging to Irvine) they would have been swept by gales down a steep rocky slope and over a 12,000ft precipice.

The remains would have become buried in the glacier below —perhaps to emerge briefly after 20 years or more, only to be hidden again by fresh snow. The likelihood of this brief reappearance occurring in the path of a future expedition would be remote.

So, it seems, the mountain will keep its secret, leaving forever unanswered the question whether these two Britons were the true conquerors of Everest or merely victims.

And that, says Captain Noel, is as it should be.

At base camp before tragedy struck : Left to right (standing) : Mr Irvine, Mr Mallory, Colonel E. F. Norton, Mr N. E. Odell and Mr J. Macdonald (interpreter). Sitting : Mr E. O. Shebbeare, Captain J. G. Bruce, Dr T. H. Somervell and Mr Bentley Beetham. Below : Frozen Lake camp, in a hollow beneath a huge ice cliff, 19,500 feet above sea level.

Above : Memorial cairn to the dead of three expeditions.

EUROPE

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el Hornsby
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be added that the ıritish budget deficit more than £1,100m of the cost imposed by the CAP. That is ıitain is a net food ıd has to buy at EEC prices, which are up to four times as high as those elsewhere.

Farm prices : Each spring, EEC Agriculture Ministers meet to fix uniform "supporting" prices for more than two thirds of the community's farm output, including cereals, milk, sugar, pig meat, poultry, wine, fruit and vegetables.

The EEC, acting through "intervention" agencies in member states, undertakes to buy up at these minimum prices any surplus produce for which farmers are unable to get better prices in the market place. Import levies ensure that cheap food from outside cannot undercut these artificial community prices.

Every 1 per cent increase in these prices adds between £90m and £100m to the agricultural budget, which is spent mainly on the intervention purchase, storage and subsidized disposal of food surpluses.

The system is intended to even out seasonal fluctuation in supply and to keep prices stable. Produce is stored in times of glut and released when market prices recover. In practice, support prices are set so high that they have produced chronic and unsaleable surpluses in some sectors.

That is mainly because the system has to be geared to the needs of the least efficient. The price level barely keeps poor farmers in business but guarantees absurdly generous returns to big mechanized farms.

Commission proposals : This year the European Commission has proposed a fairly modest price increase of 2.4 per cent on average, compared with the rise of 7.9 per cent that the EEC's eight million farmers say is the minimum needed to offset inflation. Most member states favour about 5 per cent.

The commission has also proposed measures to contain overproduction of milk and sugar, the supply of which exceeds demand by between 20 per cent and 25 per cent. The effect would be to limit the amount of produce that farmers could sell at guaranteed prices.

In the case of milk, which accounts for almost 45 per cent of all agricultural expenditure, that would be achieved by a punitive tax on any increase in milk production above last year's level, coupled with a general levy on all milk output.

British position : While publicly in favour of controlling agricultural spending, Britain considers the commission's methods discriminatory. The general milk levy, for example, would not apply to dairy farms producing less than 60,000 litres a year; Britain has fewer farms of that size than any other member state.

Britain has also invested heavily in extra sugar beet capacity and fears that stricter limits on price guarantees would make much of the new plant uneconomic. To many, this suggests that when it suits it Britain is as loth as any member state to get off the CAP gravy train.

The British would like to see support prices decline in real terms. Farmers who could then not survive would be supported by direct income aids, preferably paid for by national exchequers. But there is not the slightest chance that other member states will accept that.

CAP and Parliament : Last December, the European Parliament rejected the draft EEC budget for 1980, ostensibly on the grounds that farm spending was too high. This week, however, a chastened and divided Parliament seems likely to vote for a farm price increase at least as costly as that which it rejected last year.

The only effective brake on farming spending may be the exhaustion of EEC budget revenue because of the legal limit on the amount of Value Added Tax that can be raised to finance it. That limit is likely to be reached next year and can only be lifted by the unanimous agreement of member states.

David Wood and letters, page 15

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within Spain's es led to the confis- this weekend of the e of the monthly *ılicial*, published by ıal Police Associa-

ıed issued carried a ading article, signed ıagazine's editor-in- ıor Juan Manuel which he announced ıation because of to turn the ınto a platform for ons between differ- nts of the police he rest of the staff n support

The row apparently started as a result of a proposal by leaders of the association to use the magazine to criticize certain senior police officials.

The confiscated issue carried, for the first time—and against the wishes of Señor Zarco—an anonymous insertion entitled "from a very good source", which discussed the errors and omissions of high officials, who were named.

The leaflet was intended for distribution only to members of the police, whereas the magazine was for broader distribution. The leaflet claimed, for instance, that two top officials had contracted for a French self-defence expert to come to Spain to give one demonstration, at a cost of £530, and that the officials failed to pay him for a gymnasium used by King Juan Carlos's bodyguards.

In his last editorial Señor Zarco said : "I conceived, and I still conceive, Triunfa more as a means of defence than of attack."

Since the magazine is the organ of a private association the Government had nothing to do ith the order for confiscation, which was issued by the President of the Police Association, Señor Pablo Sánchez.

OVERSEAS

Mr Carter wins by big margin in Virginia

From David Cross
Washington, March 23

President Carter has continued his relentless pursuit of a second term of office by trounciing Senator Edward Kennedy in another key southern state.

Preliminary returns from a series of Democratic caucuses held in Virginian yesterday gave Mr Carter 80 per cent of the votes cast, compared with a mere 13 per cent for Mr Kennedy. Seven per cent of the votes were uncommitted.

The results should give the President 57 of the state's 64 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in New York this summer. Senator Kennedy picked up only five delegates and two are not committed to any candidate.

Accordingy to United Press International, President Carter has now won well over a third of the 1,666 delegates he needs to defeat Senator Kennedy for the nomination. Mr Carter has 604.5 delegates and the senator from Massachusetts 206.5 with 28 uncommitted.

The White House was understandably overjoyed about the President's victory in Virgina. "Preliminary estimates of the final Virginia vote indicate that Senator Kennedy will now have to capture 62 per cent of the delegates in the remaining primaries and caucuses", a White House spokesman said.

Senator Kennedy failed to make an impact in nearly all parts of the state. Only in the north where many commuters to Washington live did he gain 40 per cent of the vote.

Meanwhile in Missouri, Mr Ronald Reagan, the former Governor of California and probable winner of the Republican nomination, also ran true to form. Early results showed him winning virtually all of the delegates in the St Louis area and 20 outlying counties

E Germans hold British soldiers

Negotiations are under way for two British soldiers under arrest in East Germany after straying over the frontier from Walkenried in Lower Saxony on Saturday (the Press Association reports).

The two, in civilian dress, "absented themselves without leave from an adventure training course" and wandered over the border, an Army spokesman said. They were named as Stephen Oliver from Linwood, and John Patrick of Greenock, Strathclyde, both aged 18 and serving with the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

South African military accused of trying to sway defence debate

From Ray Kennedy
Johannessburg, March 23

The South African military establishment has been accused of attempting to interfere in politics. One of the country's main newspapers, The Sunday Times, today reproduced extracts from a document it claimed described a secret operation to nullify the Opposition's traditional attack on the Prime Minister during the debate on the defence budget next month.

There was no comment from Mr Pieter Botha, the Prime Minister, who is also Defence Minister. But Mr Harry Schwarz opposition defence inherent dangers in military people seeking to play a role in politics and South Africa must be warned against it."

It is claimed that the document was signed by Major General Phil Pretorius, who holds the post of Director-General, Civic Action, on behalf of General Magnus Malan, Chief of the Defence Force.

General Malan is regarded as Mr Botha's closest adviser and is credited with drafting the Prime Minister's "total strategy" policy concept.

Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Opposition, said today : "It appears that total strategy has become totalitarian strategy."

The document headed Psychological Plan : Defence Budget Debate instructs various military departments to carry out a "mission" to "nullify the Opposition's attack on the Prime Minister during the budget debate."

It said there were a number of contentious subjects which would probably arise during the debate and it was undesirable "that they may be exploited by the Opposition to the detriment of the Government."

The document lists specific tasks including steps to manipulate the news media to blunt the Opposition's attacks in Parliament and to mute criticism of the Government. The document says the "most vulnerable targets" have been identified and "appropriate actions" decided upon.

Mr Kobie Coetzee, Deputy Minister of Defence, said there had been unhappy choice of words in the document but it was wrong to interpret it as an attempt by the Defence Force to tamper directly with politics.

But there can be little doubt that the disclosure has upset many government supporters as well as its critics. It was given full coverage today on the South African Broadcasting Corporation's main news bulletin, a medium which is notorious for ignoring any news in any way critical of the Government's handling of events.

Mr Vause Raw, leader of the New Republic Party, and one of the country's most respected politicians, said : "Whoever produced this must be a bloody idiot. Defence is not a political issue."

The chief opposition defence spokesman, Mr Schwarz, said if the contents o fthe document were found be have been correcently reported, he would call for action against those responsible and for "the resignaton of those who have political responsibility."

Mr Pym arrives in China for talks on Harrier

Peking, March 23.—Mr Francis Pym, the Secretary of State for Defence, arrived here today for a six-day visit during which he will attempt to make progress on the sale of British military equipment to China.

Mr Pym, who was greeted by Mr Wang Zhen, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, is the first British Defence Minister to visit China, and only the second from the West after Mr Harold Brown, the American Defence Secretary.

One British source said the British Government attached considerable importance to Mr Pym's visit in terms of expanding Sino-British relations.

The source said that, during talks with Chinese officials, the British side hoped to move forward discussions between China and British firms on the sale of military equipment including the Harrier vertical takeoff jet which China has been negotiating to buy for over two years.

The main obstacle to the Harrier deal is the price. The cost of a standard Harrier is about £2.7m and Chinese officials have said this is too expensive.

The British source indicated the two sides would also discuss the international situation, including the Afghanistan crisis. —Reuter.

Quebec poll shows narrow majority for independence

From Ann Penketh
Montreal, March 23

A narrow majority of voters in French-speaking Quebec are in favour of political independence for the province, according to the latest opinion poll.

The poll, taken after the first week of a debate in the Quebec Legislature on the holding of a referendum on that subject, indicates that 51 per cent of the population would vote "Yes" in the referendum on "sovereignty-association" for the province, while 47 per cent would vote "No". The term means an economic union with political independence.

The date of the referendum has yet to be decided, but if public opinion continues to favour t he Parti Québécois option, it may be held as early as May 19, the Queen's birthday and a public holiday in Canada. A more likely date, however, is June 2.

The three-week 35-hour debate on the question ended last week with the adoption of the government's motion with only a slight amendment. The result was a foregone conclusion as Parti Québécois has an absolute majority

The question that will be put to the people of Quebec will read : "The Government of Quebec has made public its proposal to negotiate a new agreement with the rest of Canada based on the equality of nations : this agreement would enable Quebec to acquire the exclusive power to make its laws, levy its taxes, and establish relations abroad—in other words, sovereignty—and at the same time to maintain with Canada an economic association including a common currency ; no change in political status resulting from these negotiatioins wil lbe effected without approval by the people through another referendum ; on these terms, do you give the Government of Quebec the mandate to negotiate the proposed agreemem between Quebec and Canada? Yes . . . No . . ."

The amendment proposed by Mr Rodrigue Biron, the former leader of the small Union Nationale party, who left his part yto joint those in favour of political independence, strengthens the promise of a second referendum. A key element in the Parti Québécois strategy was to remind voters that they are not being asked for a "blank cheque" only a "mandate to negotiate", and emphasizing the importance of the second referendum.

The party was thus able to exploit the middle ground taken by the Liberal opposition which agrees that there is a need for fundamental constitutional change, but considers that the change can be made only within the confederation.

It is clear tfrom the debate that the Parti Québécois has already begun the referendum campaign. The opening speech of Mr René Lévesque, the Premier of Quebec, set the tone.

IOC may help athletes who defy boycott call

Moscow, March 23.—Mme Monique Berlioux, the director of the International Olympic Committee, was quoted today as saying that the IOC might give financial aid to teams attending the Moscow Olympics against their governments' wishes.

Mme Berlioux told Sovietsky Sport that national olympic committees in the United States, Britain and other countries wanted their athletes to come to Moscow. "This means they have to be helpe dby us, possibly in a material way", she said.

National Olympic committees from the United States and 15 West European countries, meeting in Brussels yesterday, implicitly rejected calls for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

Mme Berlioux said alternative games, such as those suggested by the United States, could be ruled out because of opposition from international sports federations and practical difficulties. "For our part we will do our best to make these difficulties worse," Mme Berlioux said.

She said she was optimistic about the Moscow games and the IOC was fully satisfied with Soviet preparations.

Americans split : United States Olympic athletes emerged from a White House meeting with President Carter deeply divided over his announced boycott of the Moscow games.

President Carter met 150 athletes and coaches to explain his views. He told them : "I know what the Olympics mean to you. It is not a pleasant time for me".

He said that Soviet troops had taken thousands of lives in Afghanistan, and hundreds of thousands would be lost elsewhere if the United States did not make sacrifices to preserve world peace.

After the meeting with Mr Carter, a spot poll among the athletes showed 44 against the boycott, 29 in favour, and 24 abstaining. Reuter.

Korchnoi keeps chess lead

Velden, Austria, March 23.—The seventh game of the world chess championship quarter-finals ended in a draw at the weekend after Tigran Petrosian had looked set for victory to put him level with Viktor Korchnoi, who now leads 4—3 in the maximum 14-game match.

"Petrosian's position was much better, I don't know why he offered a draw", Michael Stern, Korchnoi's British second, said, after a relieved Korchnoi accepted the Petrosian proposal. —Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Gandhi victory reveals divisions among Supreme Court judges

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, March 23

In a year in which seven new judges have to be appointed by Mrs Gandhi's Government to the Indian Supreme Court, one member of the bench has publicly rebuked another, accusing him of "hovering around the seats of political power".

There are 16 Supreme Court judges, headed by Mr Justice Y. V. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice appointed by the Desai Government. Five judges are due to retire in the next few months and there are two vacancies.

An effusive letter from Mr Justice P. N. Bhagwati addressed to the Prime Minister after her general election victory, the text of which was made public in the past few days, has caused more than 50 lawyers to sign a letter of protest. They are demanding a special meeting of the Bar Association to discuss the matter.

Mr Justice Bhagwati has already been rebuked by Mr Justice V. D. Tulzapurkar who said the judge's letter had caused "grave anguish" to himself and others. He complained that it had "damaged the image of the judiciary from within." Mr Justice Tulzapurkar was adressing the Indian Law Institute.

Mr Justice Chandrachud, the Chief Justice, is facing a taxing year for with Mrs Gandhi's return to power memories have revived of the divisions within the judiciary during the 20-month emergency rule and of some controversial decisions handed down. Moreover the Janata Government's use of senior retired judges to conduct commissions of inquiry into alleged excesses during the emergency did nothing to enhance the judiciary's prestige.

Mr Justice Chandrachud also has to handle an appeal to his court by Mr Sanjay Gandhi, the Prime Minister's younger son, against a two-year jail sentence in the *Kissa Kursi Ka* film destruction case.

The danger of the judiciary becoming increasingly politically involved is worrying many lawyers.

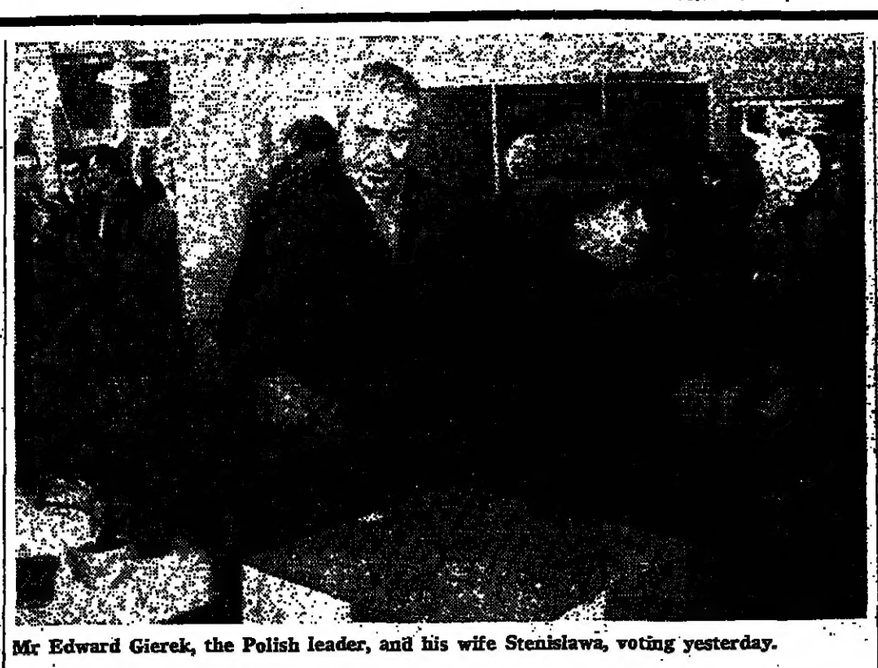
Mr Justice Bhagwati, who was appointed by Mrs Gandhi during her previous term of office, headed a committee charged with establishing a comprehensive legal service which reported in August 1977. The Desai Government did not pay much attention to his recommendations.

In his letter to Mrs Gandhi, he looked forward to the Prime Minister going ahead with his recommendations for "radical changes". He also told her: "You have become the symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the poor hungry millions of India who so far had nothing to live for and are now looking up to you to lift them from dirt and squalor".

Mr Justice Tulzapurkar in his remarks referred to the "need for vigilance" to keep the judiciary independent of politics power and "populist pressure".

In the current issue of *Himmat*, the independent weekly, Mr Justice M. C. Chagla, a distinguished jurist, criticizes both the Supreme Court and Mrs Gandhi.

The court, he said, was "a notorious failure" during the emergency. Of Mrs Gandhi he remarks: "The danger to the judiciary is very great. She does not like judges, she does not like courts. She wants every authority, every organ to be subservient to her. She forgets that under India's constitution the judiciary is an independent organ, perhaps the most important organ which can control an all-powerful executive. There are already signs I see where attempts are being made to pressurize judges."



Mr Edward Gierek, the Polish leader, and his wife Stenislawa, voting yesterday.

Polish voters ignore boycott call

Warsaw, March 23.—Poles voted in national and local elections today after an unprecedented campaign by political dissidents who said they had distributed 300,000 leaflets opposing the election. However, the official news agency Pap reported a high turnout.

There have been huge turnouts in all elections since the Communists came to power in 1945 and the effect of the dissident campaign seemed likely to be small.

In the last elections, in 1976, 98 per cent of the electorate voted in spite of blizzards.

In today's elections, 646 officially approved candidates, whose names appear in their constituencies on a single list, were standing for 460 seats in the Sejm (parliament). About 10,200 candidates were competing for 6,700 local council posts under the same system. The results are expected tomorrow.

Mr Jacek Kuron, a founder of Poland's most active dissident group, the Worker's Self-Defence Committee told reporters that leaflets urging a boycott of the poll had been dropped on Warsaw streets from high buildings and pushed into letter boxes.

The police had organized a concerted operation against the dissidents, making numerous detentions, Mr Kuron said. Mr Wojciech Ziembinski, who led the campaign, was in jail for an unrelated offence.

The elections came after a political upheaval at the Communist Party congress in February and the appointment of a new Prime Minister.—Reuter.

Pinochet trip off after snub from Philippines

Manila, March 22.—President Augusto Pinochet of Chile called off an Asian tour today a few hours after landing in Fiji, his first stop.

The Phillippines Government had abruptyq cancelled his five-day visit to Manila, and he had been greeted by 4,000 hostile demonstrators when he arrived in Fiji.

The Chilean Government announced in Santiago that the tour was off and said the President would leave for Chile tomorrow. Chile also recalled its ambassador from Manila for consultations.

General Pinochet led the bloody army coup of 1973 which overthrew President Salvador Allende, Chile's Marxist elected president. His harsh rule in the years that followed made his name synonymous outside Latin America with the supression of human rights.

President Pinochet had been due to start his official visit to Fiji tomorrow, and to fly to Manila on Monday for a five-day stay. He had also planned to make a private visit to Hongkong.

It would have been his first 1977, when he attended the signing of the Panama Canal treaties in Washington. The abortive Asia visit was an effort to brea kout of Chile's political isolation from much of the world.

The Philippines Trade Union Congress appealed to President Ferdinand Marcos earlier this week to call off the trip, describing General Pinochet's administration as "the most heinous and repressive government in South America, equalled in brutality only by the Third Reich of Adolf Hitler".

The Philippines government, announcing the cancellation, said that President Marcos "has to go out of town tomorrow on a very urgent and pressing matter".

The demonstratins which greeted General Pinochet in Fiji were organized by Fiji trade unions which said they would stage further protests if the visit went ahead.—Reuter.

Warring factions agree on truce in Chad capital

Ndjamena, March 23.—President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad and Mr Hissene Habre, the Defence Minister, agreed today to a ceasefire after 36 hours of fighting between their private armies in Ndjamena, the capital.

The agreement came at a 90-minute meeting of the two men and French ambassador at a military base where about 1,100 French troops are stationed.

The fighting, which began early yesterday with intense artillery duels, constituted the most serious breach yet of the peace agreement signed last August in Lagos by the 11 main political and military factions in Chad.

Under the ceasefire agreement, the President's popular Armed Forces and Mr Habre's Armed Forces of the North each are to pull back to ceasefire lines, and the zone between the lines is to be monitored by joint patrols, including French forces. A joint committee is to map out the ceasefire lines.

About 100 wounded from the President's forces were treated at the French base.

Two white Jesuit priests were injured when a mortar shell hit their mission. Ndjamena's 800 whites, about 700 of them French, stayed indoors waiting in case of evacuation to the French base near the airport, which remained closed.

The Lagos agreements, which created a transitional government of unity, provided for the withdrawal of the French troops and their replacement by an African neutral force. Trouble has been brewing lately over the delay in implementing the accords. Some factions backed by Libya have accused France of encouraging Mr Habre not to apply them.

Americans leave: The United States Administration has ordered the evacuation of official personnel in Chad. In addition to embassy staff, other Americans in Chad will be helped if they want to leave.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Prisoners of conscience

Vietnam: Mr Trinh Quang Quy

By Caroline Moorehead

Mr Trinh Quang Quy, a former senator, writer and judge, is believed to be seriously ill in the "reeducation" camp where he is being held in Thuan Hai, in southern Vietnam. He has been a diabetic for most of his life and is now thought to have a kidney infection. He is 78.

After the change of government in South Vietnam in 1975, all high-ranking members of the former military and civilian administration were ordered to report to the new authorities for "reeducation". It was originally announced that this process would last a maximum of three years.

However, accounts reaching human rights organizations in this country suggest that several hundreds of thousands of political prisoners are still inside Vietnamese prisons and rehabilitation camps. According to Mr Hoang Huu Quynh, a former member of the Vietnamese Communist Party, who has asked for political asylum in France, the figure may be as high as 700,000.

Mr Quy was born in Co-Bi in northern Vietnam, graduated from the Hanoi School of Pedagogy in 1927, then worked for the financial and economic department of the administration of North Vietnam. After the Geneva Accords of 1954 and the partition of the country, he moved to the South and became involved in relief work

In the late 1950s and early 1960s he took trade union courses in the United States and Britain, and on his return was appointed chairman of the central planning committee of the Confederation of Labour, a movement that played a considerable part in the growing opposition of the Vietnamese population to the American presence.

Syria and Algeria unite against peace pact

Damascus, March 23.—Syria and Algeria reaffirmed during summit talks here today their determination to oppose the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The meeting between President Hafiz al-Assad of Syria and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria was their second since Mr Benjedid arrived in Damascus yesterday for a two-day visit.

Official sources said the two leaders discussed what they termed "the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary onslaught", and pledged mutual assistance to resist this threat.

The presidents also reviewed a proposal for staging a summit conference of the Front for Steadfastness and Cooperation, a five-member Arab alliance opposed to the Camp David peace agreement.

The front comprises Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), as well as Syria and Algeria.

Later Syrian Government officials announced that the summit conference of the front had been postponed.

They said the meeting might be held in the second half of April, but did not give any specific date. The conference had been scheduled for March 28 in Damascus.

Official sources said that Mr Assad and Mr Benjedid expressed satisfaction with the development of relations between their two countries in all fields.

They were expected to meet again later today before Mr Benjedid leaves tomorrow for Jordan on the next leg of his tour, which will also take him to Iraq.

In Amman, officials said the Algerian leader's talks with King Husain would concentrate on regional affairs and bilateral relatons.

They said the king would be host at a dinner in President Benpedid's honour after a first round of talks.

On Tuesday the Algerian President will tour Jordanian Army and Air Force bases, and lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Amman.

In Baghdad, Mr Benjedid is expected to make an effort to persuade President Saddam Husain to attend the front's summit conference and help strengthen the hand of the hardliners.

Relations between Damascus and Baghdad are strained and Iraq is not a member of the front, although it is also strongly opposed to the Egyptian peace moves.

Bomb claim: Palestinian guerrillas said in Damascus that they kille dor wounded several Israelis with a time bomb today. A guerrilla spokeesman said the bomb had been planted in a flat used by Israeli security men at Ramat Zvi, south of Haifa. The blast killed or wounded all the occupants, and heavily damaged the flat, he said.

Waldheim appeal: Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, appealed for restraint after an artillery battle in southern Lebanon today.

Trilateral group to discuss Middle East

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

A meeting of the Trilateral Commission opened in London yesterday to discuss international relations affecting North America, Europe and Japan.

One issue certain to be discussed is the dispute between Britain and the EEC, though the main items on the agenda are security, international relations and the Middle East.

The Commission, which comprises leading citizens from North America and Japan, will be addressed by Mr George Ball, former United States Under Secretary of State, Sir Andrew Shonfield, Mr Callaghan, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Edward Heath, and Mr Shridath Ramphal, Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

In stituted by Mr David Rockefeller in 1973, the Commission has considerable behin-the-scenes influence in Western policy making. An accounr of its proceedings will be published this week.

Sri Lanka starts work on British-aided project

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, March 23

President Jayewardene today inaugurated work on the Victoria Reservoir project, the largest part of the accelerated Mahaweli River diversion scheme and which M Neil Marten, Britain's Minister for Overseas Development, described as one of the most impressive and far-sighted projects in the developing world.

Pageantry and religious ceremonies marked the occasion. President Jayewardene said the scheme was an act of faith an dthat faith was justified, as it had moved mountains. Recalling Sri Lanka's ties with Britain, the President said Queen Victoria had once ordered that a railway from Colombo to the south of Sri Lanka be diverted to avoid cutting down a tree sacred to Buddhists. It was still living, and he had recently opened a shiren near it.

Mr Marten said Britain's contribution to the water scheme, £100m, was the largest the country had undertaken. It was an important contribution towards development in Commonwealth countries, which received three-quarters of all British aid. The project had evoked the interest and admiration of the industrialized Western world. Britain was proud to be associated with the project, in which British engineers and firms would play a key role.

Dame Judith Hart, who was Minister for Overseas Development when the former Labour government decided to contribute to the project, said it was a tribute to the determination, imagination and vision of the Sri Lankan Government.

North Koreans reported killed inside the South

Tokyo, March 23.—South soldiers shot and killed three armed North Koreans in an exchange of fire near the truce line early today, the Kyodo news service of Japan reported.

The Japanese News Agency said that the three North Koreans, dressed in diving suits, were shot soon after they landed in the South Korean side of the Injin River near the truce line.

The agency said that the three wore diving masks and wetsuits, and carried a list of ciphers, Czech-made machine guns, annunition and some biscuits.—UPI.

Turkey forced to put off its presidential election

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, March 23

The much-awaited presidential election scheduled for yesterday in the Turkish Parliament fizzled out with the session closing barely five minutes after it opened because of lack of candidates.

Mr Cahit Cahit Karakas, the Assembly speaker, said that no names had been proposed for the presidency but he could resume the voting unless there were members opposed to it.

Two deputies said that it was pointless to hold an election in the circumstances, and the Speaker (himself mentioned as a possible future head of state) adjourned the voting until Tuesday.

Some deputies said later that, constitutionally, the polling should have taken place anyway, if only to get through the preliminary two rounds in which a two-thirds majority of the two Houses is required for a candidate to be elected. An absolute majority suffices in the following rounds.

The general atmosphere in Parliament after the brief session was one of incredulity not only at the lack of candidates, but also at the apparent lack of willingness by political leaders to do anything about it.

Mr Suleyman Demirel, the Prime Minister, has turned down repeated offers by Mr Bulent Ecevit, the leader of the Opposition, to meet and decide on a name acceptable to both their parties, which together control about 85 per cent of the 634 seats in the two Houses combined.

More and more observers are beginning to believe that Mr Demirel is waiting for the outgoing President Koruturk, who cannot be reelected, to step down when his mandate expires on April 6, so that one of Mr Demirel's closest associates, Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, the president of the senate, can take over as interim President.

They claim that Mr Demirel wants a President who will not oppose the new legislation he wants to push through Parliament in the near future, which is said to include constitutional amendments and laws aimed at curbing political violence.

This is why Mr Demirel is not presenting Mr Caglayangil as an official candidate until he is sure that the veteran politician will be elected, the observers believe.

On the other hand, the Republican People's Party of Mr Ecevit wants the two parties to agree on a common candidate, that is, on a more independent person who could play a restraining role and modify some of the planned legislation.

Mr Ecevit's party fears that the constitutional amendments and laws to be proposed by Mr Demirel—although virtually none of them has been unveiled so far—will curb basic human rights and attempt to solve problems with hard-line measures which will not go to the source of the unrest.

Chinese offer Macao land for housing project

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, March 23

Extending its offer of cheap housing inside China for residents across the old colonial borders, the Chinese Authorities are to open two million square feet of land on the frontier with Macao for a large housing project.

A Macao real estate company will invest up to £20m on the Chinese land, on which 1,400 flats will be built.

The venture follows a decision early this month to provide flats at Shumchun City, on the Hongkong border, as cheap homes for Hongkong residents.

Landslide kills five

Tanuma, Japan, March 23.—Five members of one family were killed by a mass of stones and sand that crushed their house in Tanuma early today.

Uganda considers compensating Asians

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, March 23

The Uganda Government has taken the first step towards meeting the compensation claims of the estimated 40,000 British Asians who were expelled in 1971 in former President Amin's "economic war".

A committee, headed by Mr Nkambo Mugerwa, a former Attorney-General, has been set up to receive and handle these claims and those of British and Kenya firms whose assets were seized by the Amin regime.

An unknown number of Ugandans also lost their property under an Amin decree seizing the property of Ugandans who fled to exile during his rule. Their claims, too, will be considered by the committee.

The Amin Government paid a relatively small amount of compensation to the Indian Government and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on behalf of Indian subjects and stateless people who were expelled. An American businessman was also compensated. But most claims remain unsettled.

The claims are expected to amount to more than £200m. In addition to large Asian businesses, British firms including Mitchell Cotts, Dunlop, and Eva Industries have large claims. In Kenya, East African Breweries are owed more than £1m for their shares in Uganda Breweries which were seized. Many former British residents of Uganda were members and shareholders of the Kampala Club which was seized in 1971.

Meanwhile, the national executive committee of the ruling Uganda National Liberation Front (UNLF) has proposed that the first elections since independence in 1962 should be held in December instead of in June, 1981. But the committee, headed by President Binaisa, wants the candidates to be nominated by the UNLF, not individual parties.

The interim parliament, the National Consultative Council, still has to consider the proposal, and many members are likely to insist that the parties be allowed to fight the election.

Argentine military's offer fails to impress politicians

From Tony Emerson
Buenos Aires, March 23

Argentina's military Government enters its fifth year full of declared democratic intentions, but rather nonplussed about how to implement them.

President Videla has declared an open season for "dialogue" with civilian leaders of public opinion. This is in accordance with a White Paper published by the commanders in chief of the armed forces in December instructing the President to embark on a gradual programme of democratization which would start with dialogue and continue with the reestablishment of party political activity "from the second half of 1980".

The invitation to dialogue has been met by introspective muttering among politicians about its possible benefits. Indeed the only enthusiasts are farmers who are angered by an increase in provincial land taxes.

For this the armed forces have only themselves to blame. On the one hand their spokesmen—especially the Minister of the Interior—have castigated the old-time politicians for leading Argentina to frustration and chaos; on the other, they have frozen party political activity, banning internal elections and thus ensuring that the same old-time politicians are still in charge of their parties.

The leaders of the Radicals and the Peronists, who between them captured three quarters of the popular vote in the last election, are under no illusions about what the armed forces think of them, but at the same time they have been under no pressure to modify their attitudes or ideas.

The few politicians who fulfilled their roles as a genuine opposition during the Peronist Government, and who mostly represented small regional parties, have been taken into the Government's confidence long ago. Some have been rewarded with an embassy

Faced with the absence of politicians eager to talk to them, the military spokesmen have declared that anyone not contributing his opinions would have no right to complain if the return to democracy were not achieved in a way of which he would approve. But the generals know that without the collaboration of people who influence votes and opinions, the change to civilian rule may become an exercise in cutting losses.

Their hope is that second-rank politicians among the big parties may, if only through ambition, break ranks and collaborate in creating a new framework for party political activities. Within the Peronists this hope is by no means forlorn.

THE ARTS

Festival Ballet
Coliseum

John Percival

Two young newcomers to the leading roles in *Petrushka* made a good showing at Festival Ballet's matinée on Saturday. Jean-Louis Cabane in the title part made a striking impression from the first, with a gangling appearance as though the puppet's arms and legs were dangling loose from a couple of coathangers. It soon became apparent that he had found his own understanding of the character, not going all out for sympathy, or even making too much of the soul struggling inside the sawdust, but pressing on optimistically and letting the circumstances provide the tragedy.

Cheryl Liss equally seemed to have a clear idea of what she was about as the ballerina doll. She concentrated on a fastidious neatness of movement that revealed the coy shallowness of her pretended emotions; even her shame at Petrushka's death was aptly affected.

With performances as good as those, it is a pity that some other roles are crudely played and the production a shambles. Having pulled the company together so well in other works, Festival Ballet's new directors will need to do something soon about this one.

Etudes, as I have previously remarked, is looking very good this season. Both houses on Saturday brought further cast changes. At the matinée Matz Skoog (his soaring *tours en l'air* especially notable) and Nicholas Johnson, with Andria Hall as the ballerina, made a bright and spirited trio of principals.

In the evening, Jay Jolley, having danced one of the main male roles earlier in the week, moved across to the other, which if anything suits him even better except in some passages of *petite batterie*. Jan Willem de Roo, the other male principal, matched Jolley and Eva Evdokimova for elegance of line but was severely stretched at times to vie with them in brilliance.

Derek Smith (left), Alan Starkey, Phil Bowen, Roy Macready — Photograph by Donald Cooper

Graham Greene's dizzying comedy

For Whom the Bell Chimes
Haymarket Studio
Leicester

Ned Chaillet

There exists, for those with bizarre domestic tastes, a thriving industry in melodic doorchimes. Various national anthems are available to bring postmen to attention; alternatively, nostalgic tunes to reawaken romance in spouses who have forgotten their keys can be obtained if patriotism is out of favour. For special occasions, such as Christmas or birthdays, the door itself can answer carollers or singing telegrams. That sort of chime is what Graham Greene has in mind in *For Whom the Bell Chimes*, and any evocation of Hemingway of John Donne has its beginning and end in the joking title, and in the presence of a corpse.

Such a set of doorchimes is the distinguishing feature of a room tiled completely in white, with only a single table rising from the floor to suggest habitation. It takes little imagination to see that Mr Greene is having a jest at the expense of modern living, at the sterility of design which could create the flavourless "omnistudio" with kitchen unit, cupboard, bed and bath concealed behind walls or beneath that solitary table. It would take a great deal of imagination to describe his jest without giving away a major joke, or indeed every joke in the comic confection he has manufactured.

For Whom the Bell Chimes is an "entertainment" from Mr Greene, not one of the serious, brooding works, and it has about as much substance as a dandelion past its first golden flowering. The dexterity of his construction can evoke lengthy praise, but not, I am afraid, without giving a little bit away.

The first chiming of the bells announces the entrance of a bumbling con-man, dressed in a worn suit with draughty shoes and passing himself off as a representative of a children's anti-polio campaign. He announces that he works as he does because his face carries "conviction" but there is little doubt that the sort of conviction he has seen has taken him to Wormwood Scrubbs, and the rattle of silverware in his valise does nothing to increase his respectability.

For a time it would seem that his respectability is about to be given an unexpected boost, that the rattily dressed gentleman who has answered the door has been so touched by the spirit of charity that the con-man has won himself a new pair of shoes, a new suit and even a new head of hair. But, yes, there is that corpse, and what with the RSPCA taking a mysterious role, the arrival of a colonel who cheerfully dismisses murder as "only a form of killing", intimations of transexuality and a Scotsman who disapproves of having holes knocked in his wall, there is enough mayhem to make Mr Greene's play dizzying in its comic effect.

Robin Midgley's production has the right pace to keep minds off weightier things, to provide the delight that is intended without leaving pauses where people might look for something too hold on to. What it does not have is the length for a full evening and that is provided by a second short play, called *Yes and No*, and by the introduction of two intervals.

Yes and No is another jest from Mr Greene, about the vanity of theatre, with a director privately rehearsing a young man whose entire role consists of the words "Yes" and "No". Pompous instruction vies with an attempt at seduction to give a range of interpretation to those two words. Neatly played by William Hope and Derek Smith, it is a warning against reading too much into a script, with jokes about surprising the author with an unscripted pause. Taking it as a fair comment, there is nothing left to read into *For Whom the Bell Chimes* except merriment.

In that play as well, Derek Smith proves a very lively comic actor completely transformed into the murderous colonel. Philip Bowen and Roy Macready, physically unlikely doubles, exchange characters and crimes with a conviction that provides the necessary bewilderment in the audience and on the stage. Ask not, indeed, for whom the bell chimes. You will not have the time.

Viaduct
Bush

Irving Wardle

Alongside the more strident forms of theatrical nostalgia there is a growing number of cool, unassertive playwrights who specialise in evoking obscure corners of Britain remote from ever-sordid taint of postwar life. The Cottesloe's *Lark Rise* adaptation was the most conspicuous example of this movement; but its main home is the fringe, which has achieved some of its most delicate recent work through the plays of Robert Holman, Nick Darke and Paul Copley, whose *Viaduct* is a typical product of the genre.

A dialogue between past and present, the piece is dominated by Geoff Rose's superb setting—a stretch of British Rail waste ground (you can smell the grass as you go in) where a derelict air-raid shelter and a factory dump stand in the majestic shadow of the old viaduct which now carries only one train a day. Stone is Mr Copley's main image: as the principal material of the set, the source of much of the action, and in the obduracy of the Yorkshire villagers who meet in this once-flourishing desert zone.

What brings them together is the presence of a dotty old recluse who camps out in the air-raid shelter. Jacky, who has just moved into a nearby cottage, wants to treat him as a neighbour; her husband wants him thrown out; Hedley, an odd-job man, is brought in to brick up the shelter. And what evolves through this three-cornered action is a gradually opening perspective of the village's decline and a shifting pattern of alliances between the three younger characters.

Mathers, the old man, never changes. Immersed in memory, he is beyond the reach of human contact, and when he speaks at all it is to respond to friendship and insult alike with some oblique story, delivered out of the blue with an elegant turn of phrase that stands in complete contrast to the surrounding naturalistic speech.

As played by Brian Hayes, his impassive features transmitting a turmoil of buried impulses, it carries total conviction. With the exception of a miscalculated inner fantasy episode, all the dialogue rings as true as a mason's hammer. With a play that sticks so close to observed reality and makes so few concessions to contrived plotting, details like an entrance on a kiss and the old man's symbolic suicide do seem false. But if there are better naturalistic performances in London than those of Mr Hayes, Anthony Milner and Annie Hulley, I have not seen them. The pace of Simon Stokes's production could stand some acceleration.

CBSO/Seaman
Festival Hall

William Mann

It has become something of a tradition that new works composed for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will be brought to London a day or two after the première at home. Usually they have been commissioned under the terms of the Feeney Trust. Friday's novelty, John McCabe's second violin concerto, had been commissioned by its soloist, Erich Gruenberg, who is McCabe's partner in sonata recitals.

McCabe's first violin concerto was his Opus 2, written in 1959 under the impress of T. S. Eliot's *The Hollow Men*. Its successor does not wear an opus number, and its only declared intention is to explore the lyrical characteristics of the violin—melodies rather than fireworks, a laudable objective. The composer is as good as his word: the concerto's four movements abound in tunes, whether reflective cantilena, as in the outer movements, or something more dance-like, as in the two central ones.

The second movement, for example, is called "Dances", and is shaped something like a Hungarian Rhapsody, slow melodies at first, designedly balletic—the opening duet for violin with oboe d'amore could well belong to a pas de deux—gradually accelerating into a quick, folk-dancelike second half, very agreeable with its chattering woodwind and prominent percussion.

The first movement begins strikingly also, a long violin melody launched over a static, darkly luminous orchestral background picked out by chiming bells; gradually the orchestra brings out its own themes which are argued in the two orchestral tutti sections, thus giving the movement a certain emotional variety as well as a clear shape.

The third movement, more vigorous by intention, sounds on first acquaintance merely to smile whimsically, and less personally than the rest; it does, however, move purposefully to a big climax from which the soloist's main cadenza can take off (not a brilliant cadenza, but certainly a lyrical one), and it includes a tutti where several melodies move together, apparently at different speeds, with real effect.

The orchestral music is richly and grandly coloured, a good vehicle for the CBSO in its present, impressive condition (just home from a tour of Yugoslavia and Austria with Christopher Seaman who conducted this concert), the woodwind and heavy brass particularly fine. The solo part suited Mr Gruenberg's artistry to a nicety, sensitive and elegant with a touch of sweetness, taxing and a challenge (I guess) but never flashy.

Ian Partridge
Wigmore Hall

Hilary Finch

The fragile melancholy of the opening "In der Fremde" of Schumann's Op 39 *Liederkreis* does not make for the easiest start to a recital, but Ian and Jennifer Partridge broke the silence almost imperceptibly on Friday, singing and playing with a moving simplicity that was maintained throughout the entire evening.

Although to overdramatize is to distort this cycle of miniature, fleeting poetic moments, Mr Partridge carried the art of understatement a little too far: there was no change of vocal colour, for instance, in the eerie Lorelei's reply in "Waldesgespräch", no sense of the sinister in "Zwielicht". In fact, the voice's tone was too evenly bland throughout to catch many of the nuances, the gentle stings-in-the-tail of several songs.

More suited to Mr Partridge's range of vocal expression were Lennox Berkeley's *Five Housman Songs*. Apart from some inadequately supported high and low notes, he conveyed well the aching numbness of the poetry in broad, mellifluous phrases arching over a single even line of sound.

Those qualities of agility, sensitive diction and gentleness which Ian Partridge's voice shares with that of Peter Pears served him well in Britten's *Who are these Children?*—and he need not have apologized for his Scottish accent. But again, a sense of drama was missing, so necessary here to convey the violent immediacy as well as the simplicity of the imagery of these poems. "The blood of children corrupts the hearts of men", cries the penultimate song: on Friday we felt the pity, but not the horror.

The evening ended in exile, as it had begun, with a quietly reflective performance of Beethoven's *An die ferne Geliebte*.

Camden Choir
All Hallows, NW3

Paul Griffiths

Ernst Krenek, born in 1900 and still actively composing at his home in California, is one of the great unknown quantities of twentieth-century music. Every history mentions his jazz opera *Jonny spielt auf*, which startled even the Berliners of 1927 and then within a couple of years had been seen everywhere from New York to Leningrad. But yesterday's *succès de scandale* is today's untouched yellowing score, and Krenek has been lumbered with a reputation which takes no account of his several more ambitious operas, of his big early symphonies or of the serial engineering of his later style.

The Camden Choir has therefore to be congratulated for their enterprise in including a substantial work by him at their Camden Festival concert on Saturday night. His *Deutsche Messe*, scored for chorus, organ and a small, lightly deployed ensemble of wind and percussion, dates from 1968 and offers within its brief, austere compass a full picture of Krenek the musician. The counterpoint is that of a student of renaissance music, but the harmonic progressions are absolutely firm, even welcoming triads. The instruments quietly gather together the threads of an eventful life, the clarinet sounding back through Webern to Mozart, the free-wheeling trumpet living in the air of Copland and Carter.

Julian Williamson conducted a thrilling performance of this little masterpiece, his choir confident and forthright in attack and possessing an unusually wide dynamic range, enough to bring a stark beauty to those few moments of drama in what was obviously conceived as liturgical music. Ian Sadler, the organist, held to a discreet accompanying role most of the time, but wisely allowed himself a majestic entrance in the Sanctus, and the members of the London Bach Orchestra were effective in their solemn underpinning and twiddles of decoration.

The work could be a useful companion, as it was here, to Bruckner's Mass for chorus and wind. Separated by almost a century, the two masses gained in equal measure from the clarity and resonance of All Hallows, a barn of late Victorian gothic which got stranded unfinished on the fringes of Hampstead. And how strange to find a church where one can not only smoke but buy one's own wine.

Alberni Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Noël Goodwin

Benjamin Britten's three mature string quartets span a major part of his career. The first two are from the 1940s; the third was almost the last work he lived to complete. Each in turn forms the centrepiece of three concerts in successive months by the Alberni String Quartet, whose residency at Harlow New Town since 1963 is one of the more shining examples of civic and other arts patronage in this country, and who have recently won exceptional acclaim in New York and other centres on an American tour. Before Britten's death the Alberni players had the advantage of coaching from him in his own and other works, which lent a particular interest to their performance of the Quartet No 1 on Saturday night in the first concert of their series.

A product of Britten's brief American sojourn (and of the remarkable discrimination of Mrs Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge in encouraging a new generation of quartet writing), the first quartet reflects much of the composer's youthful exuberence and invention. Its originality and compelling appeal are apparent from the outset in the sustained, mysterious tension of the higher strings over the cello's pizzicati, and continue through passages of virtuoso brilliance and fun, as well as a slow movement which looks forward not only to the moonlit moments of *Peter Grimes* but to the nocturnal palpitations of the following operas as well. The Alberni performance, excellent throughout, had two outstanding qualities in presentation: skilful shading over a wide range of dynamics, and an ideal weight of impetus in launching each phrase to sustain its place in the whole.

The Britten quartet was framed, as the later ones will also be, by Beethoven and Brahms. The former's F major Quartet, Op 18 No 1, was played as a buoyant conversation piece, in which cheerfulness keeps breaking through, albeit with a special pleading quality in the slow movement. The degree of impetus was again skilfully judged in the B flat Quartet, Op 67, by Brahms, where the music's gift to an unmuted viola in the third movement was nicely relished by Roger Best over his temporarily subdued colleagues (Howard Davis, Peter Pople and David Smith), and in which the lyrical sweetness of the Andante was contrasted with a beguiling range of varied character elsewhere in the work.

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MONDAY BOOK

Last night's television

Bloody Kids
ATV

Michael Ratcliffe

Stephen Poliakoff's new television play was the story of two boys young enough to run like small animals so close to the ground that they escaped the great nets of adult authority and crime. "We can do anything", said Leo of the police during the tedium and menace of the school week, "they're too busy". To make the system sit up and dash about for a bit on their behalf Leo and Mike took some blood bags from the art room and staged a fight "to the death" outside the football ground before Saturday's match. The plan worked perfectly, except that Mike really did stab Leo (story-line tended to forget this later), running off into the crowd and the town. The police spend the rest of the play listening to Leo's luxurious lies in the hospital and trying to find Mike.

By the time they did they had a full-scale riot on their hands and the hospital looked more like the police station every minute, with dazed and affronted punks clamouring for attention. The boys being by then forgotten, Leo smashed the fire alarm and watched with scarcely a flicker of either interest or fear as a mêlée of dressing gowns, saris, stretchers, tracker dogs, drip feeds and green masks streamed in panic for the doors. The exceptional power of this ending came from its controlled disorder and the remaining shreds of observable reality it contained. It was not mere phantasmagorical indulgence: there is nothing fantastic about punk rioting or the rising scale of juvenile crime.

Poliakoff's screenplay took no sides—except, glancingly, against absentee parents and the mindless oppression of the electronic media—and indeed handled the police with as much unsentimental sympathy as everything else. Its chief purpose was selflessly to serve the talents of director, cameraman and editor—Stephen Frears, Chris Menges and Peter Coulson—who between them produced one of the most brilliant and disturbing pieces of virtuoso cinema seen on television for a long time.

The foreshore, precincts and discos of Southend furnished a desolate and dazzling natural stage for a story in which four human faces remained firmly and unforgettably at the heart: Ken, the vicious urban gypsy and car thief who took Mike under his wing (Gary Holton); Ritchie, the patient, tireless cop (Derrick O'Connor); Leo (Richard Thomas), pale, cunning, deceptively delicate; and above all the solemn, red-haired Mike (Peter Clark) who gazed on the opening of Pandora's box with a contained terror and dignity that haunted the whole play like a judgement from another, still possible, world.

The Ghost Sonata
BBC 1

Michael Church

The trouble with most children's fantasies, when they write them down, is that they simply can't resolve them to the satisfaction of a rational adult. There they go, stepping blithely from one world to another, introducing a variety of impossible characters, flouting all known laws of nature, and getting quite carried away by their plot. After a while, confronted by the complexities they have produced, they falter, and out comes the inevitable clincher: "And then I woke up".

It must have been about half way through *The Ghost Sonata* that I began to fear the same would hold for this symbolist fantasy by Strindberg, and as the second half wore on that fear proved well founded. This "chamber play", written for its author's own Intimate Theatre, set up an immensely complicated edifice which began by being wonderfully mysterious but was at the end merely mystifying.

What was it about? There were a lot of familiar Strindbergian themes: doubts about paternity and identity, the obsessive pursuit of revenge, a preoccupation with hypocrisy, morbid fears of the man-eating propensities of Woman. It was studded with aperçus of dreadful clarity, and rich in poetic thoughts about words and silence, about youth, beauty, innocence and the emotional canker of age. I gathered, after seeing it, that it was indeed cast in three movements, but as I watched it not only the plot but even the outlines of this simple structure eluded me.

Philip Saville's direction, however, capitalized magnificently on the play's surrealist qualities; this was a stunning production. The appropriate frisson was established at the outset as a large, solid house crumpled spontaneously to dust and a child vanished out of the hero's arms. Discreet and fastidious use was made of colour separation techniques to suggest reality's thin veneer; secret doors closed to the sound of distant thunder. It was all Bunuel, Cocteau, Magritte and Böcklin.

Michael Meyer's translation was beautiful, and so was the acting. Donald Pleasence brought compelling authority to the enigmatic figue of the Old Man, and Lila Kedrova triumphantly incarnated the Miss Havisham-like mummy locked away in a lumber room. When people sobbed, it was with a dry, somnambulistic quality; when they died, it seemed provisional.

Problems developing

Progress for a Small Planet

By Barbara Ward

(*Tempo Smith*, £8.95)

Observers of the International scene today can point to a catalogue of political and economic difficulties, daunting in complexity, which remain unsolved—inflation, unemployment, energy uncertainties, debt and despair in parts of the Third World, political frictions amongst the zealots for change, and so on.

Barbara Ward sees all these items as the outcome of decades of industrial and urban development pursued in the name of misguided common goals. These have either overlooked or did not perceive the exploitation of material resources and which have led to environmental pollution on a planetary scale. She is sorely troubled by threats and degradations to our cities, farmland, coastlines, atmosphere and the gulf between the rich and the poor. Deeper still, she is aware that the social and economic differences emerging are the source of political conflicts and of wars.

A perverse outcome today is the renewed interest in armaments. If, in her view, an equal amount of human effort and material resources were devoted to evolutionary change, then this could ensure that future generations are also able to enjoy our beautiful and inhabital planet. She wants evolutionary change in which the basic food, water and energy resources are used without the need for chemical and nuclear support. The dilemma is that rich nations today have little perception of a comprehensive solution of this kind. But she does not develop this point. One might add that since the first oil crisis in 1973 the major nations have made many efforts in a blundering sort of way which have been frustrated by inequalities of resources and needs.

However, she says, there are no implacable constraints in developing harmonious solutions. This conclusion is reached only after a series of informative examinations of the sane use of science, coincident with, for any particular lack of resources, conservation and care. Energy, for example, is not a problem if remaining fossil fuels are used to provide a breathing space before energy from the sun, either directly or indirectly, is harnessed. Even the most widely canvassed risk of all, excessive population, dissolves as literacy, health and amenable jobs replace earlier back-breaking labours in pioneer areas for which large families were the only solution. These are bold observations.

If you have not read Barbara Ward's work before, she writes as a trained journalist and columnist who has accumulated a lifetime of worldly knowledge. Much of the information in this book is drawn from international sources and, for this reason, it has textbook qualities. As in any social science reporting, however, her analysis is open to alternative interpretation. The passages of historical evolution tend to understate motives for change, especially where the influence of the great religions and of pioneers, might be considered.

Overall, the book presents the current views of this industrious and influential author in an attractive presentation which both asks questions and provides answers.

A. G. Horsnail

SPORT

Football

Forest should be the last team to fear pitfalls of foreign soil

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent

Ajax, who have played in four European Cup finals, winning three in succession in the early 70s, and have scored 30 goals in their six games in this season's competition, will be Nottingham Forest's eminent opponents in the semi-final round at the *City Ground* on April 9 and in Amsterdam on April 23. In arguably the most attractive-sounding group of four to meet since 1976, Forest, despite being the holders and resilient survivors of last week's tie against Dynamo Berlin, may find this year's semi-final as demanding as last season's against Cologne.

Ajax, still inspired by the fine Dutch international, Krol, and with some interesting fresh blood, have virtually strolled into the last four with aggregate victories of 16—2 over HJK (Finland), 10—4, over Omonia *Nikosia* (Cyprus) and 4—0 *in the last round* over Racing Strasbourg, who at least held them to a goalless draw in France. Perhaps it would be as well if Forest looked farther back to last season's Uefa Cup in which Ajax were knocked out in the third round by a comparatively modest Honved team.

The draw, made in Zurich on Saturday, ensured that at least one Englishman would appear in the final because Real Madrid, who are currently getting the best of Cunningham's skills, and Hamburg, who have had their money's worth from Keegan, are paired in the semi-final. Keegan's reaction was that if they knocked out Real, the Spanish supporters would take their side in the final in Madrid on May 28. I suspect the reverse may be true.

Should Hamburg fail to beat Real Madrid, Forest could find themselves in the most difficult final that the permutations allow. Peter Taylor, their assistant manager, agreed that it would have been better to play Real on a home and away basis in the semi-final than in a single match final at the Bernabeu Stadium, but as Forest have yet to lose an away game in their two seasons *of European Cup competition*, they should be the last to fear the pitfalls of foreign soil. Equally, they should not respect old reputations.

Arsenal's opponents in the Cup Winners' Cup, Juventus, are also a *widely-experienced* European club but that is not to say that their present team command the respect of those seen in the past. Italian football is in the middle of another match-fixing scandal and Juventus, themselves showed their lack of confidence in present *players* by becoming desperate to sign Keegan who would not become involved. Arsenal, if they have their sighs set on attacking football, should reach their first European final in 10 years.

Nottingham Forest returned to domestic matters with a 2-0 victory over Keegan's future team, Southampton, who are in danger of losing a place in next season's Uefa Cup. To have Keegan but not play in Europe is to keep a grand prix car in a cul-de-sac. While Liverpool continued to win, albeit untidily against Brighton *and Hove Albion* at Anfield, and Manchester United did not drift further back than the existing, formidable six points after an incoherent 100th derby match win over Manchester City, two of the relegation strugglers, Derby County, with three goals from a newcomer, Biley, and Bristol City, *drew with each other and Bolton* Wanderers beat Tottenham Hotspur. Manchester City cannot trust any of them to remain submissive.

There were prodigious complaints from managers in the second division, even among those who won, including Geoff Hurst of Chelsea, who said a 1—0 victory over Orient brought the first division closer but sent supporters home early. Tommy Docherty was angry at his Queen's Park Rangers who let a weakened Luton Town recover to draw after being two goals behind.

In the first division at Villa Park, the Ipswich Town manager, Bobby Robson, *said his side*, who drew 1—1 after a promising start, gave their worst performance in five months. As Max Boyce would say: "I know because I was there." Brazil made a fine goal *for Wark to encourage Scotland* rather more than Ipswich, and Morley gave Aston Villa an equalizer that much hard but uncoordinated work deserved.

European semi-final round draws

European Cup

Nottingham Forest v Ajax. Real Madrid v Hamburg.

Cup Winners' Cup

Nantes v Valencia. Arsenal v Juventus.

Uefa Cup

Bayern Munich v Eintracht Frankfurt. Stuttgart v Borussia Mönchengladbach. Matches will be played on April 9 and April 23.

Top of the table tedium as Walsall keep on course

By John Nicholls

Portsmouth 1 Walsall 2

For a top of the table clash, albeit in the fourth division, this was for much of the afternoon a tedious game for the spectators. No doubt Walsall will be pleased at going farther ahead at the top of the division (they are now seven points clear of Huddersfield *Town*) *while Portsmouth* have only themselves to blame for not making more of their few chances.

In front of a crowd that was larger than that at several first division grounds, the teams took a long time to produce any skills. Indeed, for the first 20 minutes the action was restricted to throw-ins and free kicks. After half an hour, however, Walsall pulled themselves together and began to make some progress towards the Portsmouth goal. A series of corners kept Portsmouth at full stretch and Walsall were able to move extra players into attack.

Yet *there seemed no immediate* danger when Macken, the right back, joined in an exchange of passes with Waddington. He was marshalled across the face of the goal by several defenders, but he took everyone by surprise when he suddenly swivelled and unleashed a powerful shot that beat Knight. Walsall should have scored again minutes later when the speedy Rees outstripped everyone through the middle, but allowed Knight to pluck the ball off his toes when Penn was unmarked alongside him.

Portsmouth looked shattered, yet only two minutes after the interval they were back in contention. Hemmerman tapped in a loose ball after a good cross from James had been blocked but not cleared. They were transformed and it was Walsall's turn to pack their defence, as the home side were on top for a while and the game at last came to life.

Green saved the visitors from further punishment when he first palmed over a powerful drive from Gregory and then snatched away a header from the same player. Walsall were reduced to occasional breaks from their own half and it was from one of these, two minutes from the end of normal time, that they stole both points.

James and Davey collided in the centre circle when both attempted to collect the ball. It fell clear to Penn, who sprinted away and into the Portsmouth area, where he was *promptly felled by Knight.* Buckley, the Walsall player-manager, made the important penalty kick look easy and Walsall were back on course for an immediate return to the third division.

PORTSMOUTH: A. Knight; K. James, A. Styles, T. Brisley, A. Garner (sub, S. Perrin), S. Davey, D. Gregory, J. Laidlaw, J. Hemmerman, S. Bryant, A. Rogers.

WALSALL: R. Green; T. Macken, K. Mower, R. Sbragia, J. Williams, G. Williams, D. Penn (sub, J. Horne), S. Waddington, M. Rees, A. Buckley, R. Caswell.

Referee: T. Bune (Billingshurst).

Hampden improving

Prospects have improved for Scotland's European championship match against Portugal at Hampden Park on Wednesday. A week of bad weather had put the match, which was postponed on February 6, in doubt, but the Scottish Football Association have told the Portuguese party to travel to Glasgow after a marked improvement in the weather.

Hoddle pulls out

Glenn Hoddle and Terry Butcher have pulled out of the England "B" party to play Spain at Sunderland on Wednesday. Hoddle, the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, has a groin injury and Butcher, the Ipswich Town defender, a troublesome kidney. Arsenal's full back Devine has a groin injury and it out of the Republic of Ireland party

A goal which brought joy to one half of Manchester and gloom to the other. Henry's outstretched foot deflects a shot from Thomas (partly hidden) over Corrigan's head.

Memories are not made of this

By Tom German

Manchester U 1 Manchester C 0

The pleasantries, at least, will provide a lingering recollection of a hundred derby matches between the Manchester clubs. Each club chairman presented the other with a momento of the occasion. Of the *match* itself at Old Trafford the record books *will have little of distinction to* hark back to

There was not much between the sides, although United are chasing the pacesetters and City, near the bottom of the table, are casting anxious backward glances. The uncommitted can decide for themselves whether that is commentary on the uniform standards of most teams *in the first division* or of the levelling, even defusing, effect of the coming together of neighbours.

Manchester United won with a goal, aided by a deflection, which would have been missed by those who lingered briefly over their half time refreshments. They caused a couple of other desperate interludes around Corrigan's goal, too, but City, without ever calling on Bailey to make a taxing save, had reason to feel they deserved a little better.

Daly, who cost well over £1m, whom Malcolm Allison played in the reserves last week with the declared intention of needling him into rediscovering his edge, contributed enough effort to suggest he had got the message. *Young Caton also bolstered City* whose fate, on the day, finally rested with Palmer, who took over from Bennett with little more than 20 minutes left. In that time he had two chances, one inviting, the other rather more demanding. He shot the first wide and headed the second in roughly the same direction. *Reeves, another £1m signing*, and Power, might also have made more of another opportunity but each left the ball to the other

These were among the highlights, however. There was much that was unmemorable, especially in the opening half when neither goalkeeper had a worthwhile shot to save for 35 minutes. When, at last, the test came Corrigan reponded brilliantly. Jordan and Wilkins opened the way on the left for Thomas but Corrigan threw himself down swiftly

United, soundly served by McQueen and Buchan, created a lot of room for themselves along that left flank. McIlroy volleyed one shot just a shade too high from that region and from there developed the move which brought *the only goal of the afternoon.* The ball bounced from a congestion of players just inside City's half of the field. A quick skip *and jump* by the referee suggested he was on the receiving end. Anyway, McIlroy and Albiston chased away down the left, although City seemed to have *matters under control as Thomas* shot. Corrigan seemed in position to cover it but the ball glanced off Henry and looped over the goalkeeper's head.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G. Bailey; J. Nicholl, A. Albiston, S. McIlroy, G. McQueen, M. Buchan, S. Coppell, R. Wilkins, J. Jordan, L. Macari, M. Thomas (sub A. Grimes).

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; R. Ranson, N. Reid, T. Booth, T. Caton, P. Power, A. Henry, S. Daly, K. Reeves, D. Tueart, D. Bennett (sub, R. Palmer).

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester).

Fischer's Rome hopes dashed by broken leg

Frankfurt—West Germany received a blow to their hopes of winning the European championship in Italy this June when centre forward Klaus Fischer, a regular scorer for the international side, broke a leg on Saturday and will be out for at least six months.

Fischer was injured during Schalke's home defeat by Bayer Uerdingen in the West German Federal League. Horst Hrubesch, of Hamburg, who scored three goals against Werder Bremen in a 5-0 victory, can stake a claim for Fischer's place by a good performance against Austria on Wednesday if, as expected, he makes his first appearance in an *international*.

Bayern Munich and Eintracht Frankfurt scored a goal apiece in their encounter, but Bayern won 2—0, as Werner Lorant of Frankfurt hit the wrong goal with a spectacular long shot. Bayern's victory enabled them to stay two points ahead of holders Hamburg, who have a game in hand.

Hrubesch started Hamburg's rampage against their North German neighbours Wender after 16 minutes and also ended it with two more goals after 82 and 86 minutes. Milewski and Jakob added the others in a lop-sided *affair that kept Hamburg's chances* for a second title in a row alive.

Tony Woodcock, the English striker, scored after 51 minutes and led the charge to give FC Cologne a 2-2 draw at Borussia Mönchengladbach, after the home side had gone two up in the first half with goals by Hannes, one of them a penalty. Woodcock kept on the pressure and put across a high cross that Littbarski headed in for the equaliser with 12 minutes to go. Cologne dropped back one point against the leaders but are still in contention for the title.

VFB Stuttgart also kept pace with the top, humiliating visiting Fortuna Düsseldorf 5—1. Martin scored twice with Bernd Foerster, Kelsch and Ohlicher getting the others.

Hertha BSC Berlin dropped back to last place again after losing 2—0 against visiting FC Kaiserslautern. Neues and Geye got the goals for the visitors with Holger Brueck missing a crucial penalty for Berlin.

Arsenal need enterprise in order to capitalize

Arsenal 1 Crystal Palace 1

A sleepy afternoon in the spring sunshine at Highbury came *to life two minutes from the end* when Crystal Palace were awarded a penalty. But it was in keeping with the rest of this miserable match that Francis put his spot kick too close to the centre of the goal, allowing Jennings to save. Thus Arsenal stretched their unbeaten run to 13 matches.

Two points would have flattered Palace, but Arsenal would have had only themselves to blame for letting the game slip away from them. A London derby used to generate excitement. Not any more, it seems. Most of Saturday's match was played to the sound of silence from a meagre crowd of 37,000. The teams were entirely responsible for that because they were intent on containing rather than creating—a case of nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Arsenal are in the happy position of being fourth in the first *division* and *in the semi-final* rounds of the FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup. However, if they are to lay their hands on a trophy this season they will have to show more enterprise than this. The side which Terry Neill and Don Howe have built are hard to beat, but equally *hard* to watch and it *is* understandably difficult for the neutral spectator to warm to them.

Palace, as at Tottenham the previous week, were all frills and no finish. This was an encouraging result for them, but one could not help feeling that they could haev taken more advantage of a jaded looking Arsenal. Against all expectations Palace won the battle in midfield where Murphy, Nicholas and Hilaire outshone Brady, Rix and Talbot.

It needed a touch of first-half nastiness to put some spark into the proceedings. A flare-up featuring Francis, Murphy and Nicholas in the Palace corner and O'Leary and *Nelson* in the Arsenal corner at last gave the crowd something to shout about and this preceded Arsenal's best period.

Brady opened the scoring in the forty-first minute with a beautifully flighted free kick. A minute later Stapleton hit the post with a *header* and then *Rix* struck the other upright with a fizzing 25-yard shot. Palace, though, had some good chances of their own and equalized from one of them 15 minutes from time. Arsenal's offside trap went awry, leaving Sansom free to collect a long, diagonal pass from Hinshelwood and score with the minimum of fuss.

Palace imposed their will on Arsenal in the second half. Jennings saved well from Hilaire and brilliantly from Francis as the home defence began to look increasingly edgy—an edginess which led to Palace's late penalty and a dramatic finish.

ARSENAL: P. Jennings; J. Devine, S. Nelson, B. Talbot, D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady, A. Sunderland, F. Stapleton, D. Price, G. Rix.

CRYSTAL PALACE: D. Fry; P. Hinshelwood, K. Sansom, P. Nicholas, J. Cannon, W. Gilbert, J. Murphy, G. Francis, I. Walsh, M. Flanagan, V. Hilaire.

Referee: S. Bates (Bristol).

Leading players arrested

Rome, March 23.—The Italian football world trembled today when police arrested leading *soccer figures in* an attempt to curb corruption. After today's national league games, the police carried out arrests at grounds in Rome, Milan and Pescara. Among those taken into custody were several first division players, and Felice Colombo, president of Italy's champion club, AC Milan.

Italy's fraud squad have spent months investigating what they believe to be a secret attempt to fix the results of football matches in advance, to defraud the national lottery system. Huge sums of money were said to be involved.

The Lazio captain, Giuseppe *Wilson*, and team *colleagues* Giordano, Cacciatori and Manfredonia, Milan players Albertosi and Morini, the Avellino striker, Pellegrini, and Perugia players, Zecchini and Martira were all arrested.

Ban in danger: A 15-year-old ban on foreign footballers playing in Italy looks certain to be lifted following a meeting of first and second division club presidents in Milan yesterday.—Agence France-Presse.

Ambitions of first half evaporate in the sun

By Stuart Jones

QPR 1 Luton Town 1

Like a bunch of grapes they hang there, suspended from the top of the second division. Eight cling to the vine of promotion but it will be a vintage year for only three. On the evidence presented on Saturday, neither Queen's Park Rangers nor Luton Town deserve to be among them. On the first day of spring, one of the qualities not on show was consistency, except perhaps in the paleness of the sun.

For 45 minutes, Rangers enhanced their ambitions and helped to erase those of Luton. Goddard punched two neat holes, the first after only 30 seconds, in Findlay's net with the help of Burke, a withdrawn winger in the style of Robertson. It is no coincidence that Burke was transferred from Nottingham Forest last summer.

With Roeder picking the ball up in midfield, McCreery chasing it and Currie distributing it, Ranger's eyes were wide open. Allen and Goddard prowled in the vacant spaces ahead, waiting to prey on the opportunities. Before the interval, their lead should have been beyond reach.

At the back Wicks, like a walking telegraph pole, cleared up everything *in the air* and Hazell cleaned up everything on the floor. Luton, wandering around in uncertain circles, could offer nothing in return but a half-hearted effort from Hatton which Woods gathered as though it was a stray leaf on the Loftus Road lawn.

After the break, though, the roles were reversed. Harkouk's replacement of Roeder 10 minutes into the second half was to prove significant. As if to announce his arrival, he immediately fouled Grealish and was booked. Yet West was the man he was supposed to be shadowing and West it was who sparked the revival.

The alarm bells had already rung. Woods was the first to lose concentration and, surprised by Stein's snap shot, could only push the ball on to the bar. Hazell was the next and, determined to lose possession, gave the *ball to* West, who promptly sent Hatton through on the left. His cross found Wicks out of position and Stein was left free to head comfortably home.

Woods was then beaten by Price's shot but was again saved by the bar. As the next cross came over, he merely flapped it on to Hill's forehead whence it bounced back over him into the unguarded net. Luton, after an uneasy start, had at least shown their powers of recovery, yet they will need more than that if they are to go up and much more if they are *to stay up*.

Rangers look the more likely candidates. They must still entertain two of their rivals, Birmingham City and Newcastle United, and also make the short trip to Stamford Bridge in 10 days. Currie, although his England days may be over, could yet finish his season on a satisfactory note.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: C. Woods; D. Shanks, I. Gillard, D. McCreery, R. Hazell, S. Wicks, P. Goddard, G. Roeder (sub, R. Harkouk), C. Allen, A. Currie, S. Burke.

LUTON TOWN: J. Findlay; G. Jones, M. Donaghy, P. Grealish, [illegible] Aizlewood, [illegible] Price, R. Hill, A. West, B. Stein, R. Hatton, S. White (sub, A. Pearson).

Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton).

Wales open their World Cup effort in Iceland

Prague, March 23.—The Football Associations of Wales, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Turkey and Iceland have signed an agreement here setting out their schedule for qualification matches for the 1982 World Cup, according *to Československý Sport*. Seven matches will be played this year, starting in June with the match between Wales and Iceland. The remainder will be played next year.

It was agreed that the match ground venue must be announced by the organizers at least three months in advance.

1980

June 2: Iceland v Wales
September 3: Iceland v Soviet Union
September 24: Turkey v Iceland
October 15: Soviet Union v Iceland; Wales v Turkey
November 19: Wales v Czechoslovakia
December 2: Czechoslovakia v Turkey

1981

March 25: Turkey v Wales
April 15: Turkey v Czechoslovakia
May 25: Czechoslovakia v Iceland
August 25: Wales v Soviet Union
September 2: Iceland v Turkey
September 9: Czechoslovakia v Wales
September 23: Soviet Union v Turkey; Iceland v Czechoslovakia
October 10: Turkey v Soviet Union
October 14: Wales v Iceland
October 28: Soviet Union v Czechoslovakia
November 8: Soviet Union v Wales
November 30: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Golf

Statistics again mea nothing to Oxford

By Peter Ryde

Oxford golfers once again ignored statistics on Saturday at Royal Liverpool by winning six of the 10 singles in their annual match against Cambridge, and the match overall by 8½—6½. They showed, as they had done last year and to a lesser extent in 1978 when they won the first of the present run of three wins, an ability to deliver the goods on the day which is the fervent prayer of every team captain.

It was acknowledged that Oxford were a better team than the one that sprang last year's surprise, but so too were Cambridge who also gave evidence of strong reserves by not losing a single match in the 18 that make up the preliminary trials of strength involving reserves and second teams. These results cloaked the paradoxical truth that Oxford had greater depth in the first side, even if they had not much to spare outside it.

They won four of the five matches in the lower half. Ryalls recovered his form, Rhodes was rumoured to have gone round in 72 in the morning, Wright vindicated his captain's choice of him by a splendid thrust at the right moment. Cambridge were unlucky to lose Tickell, victim of a high temperature, in tenth place, but Robson, of Oxford, was regarded as a safe banker and so turned out against Murley, the reinstated Cambridge Blue.

Only Warden won for Cambridge in that half, while up front where Cambridge were reckoned to have the advantage Oxford held them. Clennett, a leader in the cool, *laisser-faire* class, overcame the rival Cambridge captain, Green. So little was there in it for most of the day that their match might be said to have hinged on an enormous rollicking putt holed by Clennett at the 32nd, which got his nose just in front as it had been at lunch.

Maree hounded Melville, the best shotmaker on either side, to the last green. His South African father, *understandably mystified by* the vagaries of early spring weather, must proud as he watched his with a 25-ft putt to keep alive on the 34th, hole any sign of the absurd tions that accompany of almost anything over days.

Vickers, spoken of as captain, since Maree ing on, overcame Bry purple patch in the which gave him single seven consecutive Askew personified Oxfo ing power by standing by the last green and a half in six and a hal from an unpromising against the well-fancied

The water in the bu a nuisance, calling for sional awkward decisi water overflowed the bunker and the penalty ping out ceased to appl is a passing inflictio again the grand view Dee estuary to the fresh of the Welsh mountai lined the wisdom of th to bring the Walker C 1983. It has taken a lon there could be no m venue for it than this amateur golf.

Oxford have won 3 Cambridge 50.

SINGLES: (Oxford nam Clennett (Brinkburn GS Church) beat P. M. Green GS and Emmanuel), 3 an Maree (Stellenbosch Un Africa and Pembroke) lo Melville (Barrow GS and 1 hole; T. D. Askew (L GS and University) halved Newman (Witwatersrand Africa and Trinity Hall); (Birkenhead School and beat J. H. Bryce (Edinbu and Churchill), 3 and 2 head (Edinburgh Universi son) lost to J. P. Tu Perse School and Trinity), R. Ryalls (University of Jesus) beat D. Rosser (and Fitzwilliam), 7 and Rhodes (Roundhay and R. J. Randall (Millfield an 2 and 1; J. F. Wilkes (K S and Queen's) lost to B (Loughborough GS and 2 holes; A. J. Wright (S and Merton) beat T. M. W almond and Magdalene), E. Robson (R.GS, Newc Peter's) beat A. J. Mu and St Catharine's), 3 and

Curtis party must be cu

Milan, March 23.—A 15-year ban on foreign footballers playing in Italy looks certain to be lifted following a meeting of first and second division club presidents here yesterday. The 36 club presidents decided to fall in line with the other West European countries.

They agreed to allow one foreign signing for each of the *16 first division clubs*. The foreigners can come from anywhere in the world, not just European Economic Community nations.

The decision has to be approved by the football federation, but with the backing of the most important men in the Italian game that is considered a formality. Leading players, mostly from West Germany and South America, are known to have been approached already by Italian clubs, who can offer generous terms.

The Curtis Cup selectors face *a difficult task during* the next three days as they cast their eyes over the 16 candidates for the Britain and Ireland team to play the United States at St Pierre on June 6 and 7.

The party of six English players, five from Ireland, three from Scotland and two from Wales, will be playing against in a series of round rol before selection of the side on Wednesday. Or the 16 have played before—Carole Caldw McKenna and Tegwen

They seem certain to again, for many of are inexperienced an would not have been *sideration had it not* the recent switch to golf by some of th players.

Maureen Madill of P Northern Ireland, wh British women's ama pionship last year an Watches foursomes tou partnership with Lin last Thursday, is anot likely to win a place Connachan of Scotla 16, would be the you ever honoured if she into the side.

Originally 18 pla chosen for the tri dropped out but Jan the former British champion from Furnc the party last week wi examinations at Liverp sity were re-schedule her to be available f match.

Trevino birdies last green to snatch lead

Jacksonville *(Florida)*, March 22.—Lee Trevino birdied the final hole today to take a one stroke lea dover Hubert Green after three rounds of the $400,000 Tournament Players' Championship here.

Trevino had an eight under par total of 208 for 54 holes, while Green, who tied the course record with a six under par 66, had six birdies. Gary Player of South Africa and Curtis Strange were were tied for third at 210, and another stroke away were Severiano Ballesteros of Spain, Jack *Nicklaus*, Peter Jacobsen

Trevino scored six birdies for a 68 on the 7,000-yard course. At the par five 18th he hit a sand wedge to within seven feet and made his putt for the birdie

LEADERS (US unless indicated): 208: L. Trevino, 66, 73, 68; 209: H. Green, 72, 71, 66; 210: G. Player (SA), 70, 71, 69, C. Strange, 68, 71, 71; 211: S. Ballesteros (Spain), 69, 73, 69, J. Nicklaus, 69, 73, 69, P. Jacobsen, 68, 74, 69, D. Pooley, 69, 73, 69; 212: J. Haas, 72, 73, 67, T. Watson, 69, 71, 72, H. Irwin, 67, 72, 73, B. Bryant, 72, 71, 69; 213: B. Crenshaw, 71, 73, 69, J. Mahaffey, 70, 71, 72, C. Coody, 69, 75, 69.

Horton rec to share lead with W

Mufulira, Zambia, M Mufulira, Zambia, M dazzling third round o Tommy Horton into th with Brian Waites, a fe in the Mufulira Open c yesterday. Waites, fre victory in the Kenya week, had steady 69.

Tony Jacklin had a to share third place Canizares, of Spain Darcy, of Ireland, Polland.

LEADING SCORES (B stated): 210—T. Horton, Brian Waites, 72, 67, Jacklin, 74, 68, 70, (Spain), 70, 73, 69; E. 73, 69; E. Darcy (Irela 68, 214—E. Murray, 71, Bembridge, 72, 69, 73; 68, 74, 215—M. Foster, G. Brand, 70, 70, 75, 216 74, 68, 74, 217—H. C 72; P. Cowan, 74, 71, Cullen, 76, 70, 72; P. 73, 73.—Reuter.

LAS VEGAS: Women's 215—J. Rankin, 72, 73, Caponi Young, 71, 74, 70, 72, 74, 218—J. (Australia), 74, 72, 7 73, 73, 72, 219—A. A 68; S. Post (Canada), A. Washam, 68, 76, Heyers, 74, 73, 74 Iaccini (Argentina), 78, Little (South Africa), 72, Morse, 71, 80, 71.

Saturday to Sunday

Leeds, who usually play their home Rugby League games on a Saturday, will change to Sundays next season. The move experiment for one se which the situation viewed, the Leeds chair Sharman said.

Weekend results and tables

First division

Arsenal	1	Crystal Palace	1
Aston Villa	1	*Ipswich*	1
Bolton	2	Tottenham H	1
Derby	3	Bristol C	3
Leeds	0	Coventry	0
Liverpool	1	Brighton	0
Manchester U	1	Manchester C	0
Middlesbrough	2	Everton	1
Norwich	1	West Bromwich	1
Nottm Forest	2	Southampton	0
Wolverhampton	3	Stoke	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	33	21	8	4	69	23	50
Manchester U	33	17	10	6	48	26	44
Ipswich Town	34	17	7	10	55	34	41
Arsenal	32	14	12	6	42	24	40
Middlesbrough	33	14	10	9	38	29	38
Nottm Forest	32	15	6	11	50	36	36
Southampton	34	14	8	12	51	42	36
Wolverhampton	31	15	6	10	41	35	36
Aston Villa	33	12	12	9	40	38	36
Crystal Palace	34	11	14	9	37	36	36
Leeds United	34	10	13	11	37	42	33
West Bromwch	34	9	14	11	48	47	32
Norwich City	33	9	14	10	45	48	32
Coventry City	33	13	6	14	46	51	32
Tottenham H	33	12	8	13	41	50	32
Brighton	34	8	13	13	40	50	29
Stoke City	33	10	9	14	38	48	29
Everton	34	7	14	13	37	43	28
Manchester C	34	9	9	16	31	56	27
Derby County	34	8	7	19	35	53	23
Bristol City	34	6	11	17	36	55	23
Bolton W	33	4	11	18	28	58	19

Second division

Bristol R	1	Wrexham	0
Burnley	1	Leicester	2
Cambridge U	2	Birmingham	1
Cardiff	1	Newcastle	1
Chelsea	1	Orient	0
Oldham	4	Charlton	3
Preston	2	Notts County	0
QP Rangers	2	Luton	2
Sunderland	1	Swansea	1
Watford	0	Shrewsbury	1
West Ham	2	Fulham	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	34	20	4	10	57	45	44
Leicester City	34	15	12	7	48	33	42
Birmingham C	33	17	7	9	46	31	41
QP Rangers	34	15	9	10	62	40	39
Luton Town	34	13	13	8	55	39	39
Sunderland	33	15	9	9	53	37	39
Newcastle U	33	13	11	9	45	36	37
West Ham U	31	16	5	10	42	31	37
Oldham A	33	13	9	11	44	40	35
Orient	34	12	11	11	42	45	35
Cambridge U	31	10	11	10	46	42	31
Cardiff City	34	14	6	14	34	40	34
Shrewsbury T	34	15	3	16	47	43	33
Preston NE	33	9	15	9	41	41	33
Wrexham	34	14	5	15	37	41	33
Notts County	34	10	11	13	41	40	31
Swansea City	34	12	7	15	37	48	31
Bristol R	33	10	10	13	45	51	30
Watford	33	8	13	12	28	37	29
Burnley	34	6	10	18	37	60	22
Fulham	33	7	7	19	34	60	21
Charlton A	33	6	8	19	32	60	20

Third division

Carlisle	2	Plymouth	1
Chester	1	Oxford U	0
Chesterfield	0	Blackburn	1
Colchester	5	Brentford	1
Exeter	2	Barnsley	1
Gillingham	3	Sheffield U	0
Grimsby	1	Southend	0
Hull	0	Reading	1
Millwall	0	Bury	1
Rotherham	0	Wimbledon	0
Sheffield W	4	Blackpool	1
Swindon Town	2	Mansfield	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield W	37	18	12	7	72	41	48
Grimsby Town	37	21	6	10	64	35	48
Blackburn R	36	18	9	9	44	27	45
Chesterfield	36	17	9	10	56	40	43
Colchester U	37	17	9	11	53	45	43
Sheffield U	37	17	8	12	55	49	42
Chester	35	14	11	10	41	40	39
Exeter City	37	15	9	13	50	57	39
Swindon Town	35	16	6	13	55	48	38
Millwall	36	13	12	11	50	46	38
Carlisle U	37	14	10	13	53	46	38
Reading	36	14	10	12	52	51	38
Gillingham	37	12	12	13	45	42	36
Oxford United	37	11	12	14	50	50	34
Barnsley	36	12	10	14	38	49	34
Plymouth A	37	12	9	16	50	52	33
Rotherham U	35	13	7	15	48	54	33
Brentford	36	12	7	17	53	66	31
Southend U	37	11	8	18	39	53	30
Hull City	36	8	14	14	38	56	30
Mansfield T	37	8	13	16	38	45	29
Bury	36	12	5	19	38	50	29
Blackpool	37	11	7	19	50	66	29
Wimbledon	37	8	11	18	36	67	27

Fourth division

Aldershot	3	Rochdale	0
Bournemouth	0	Lincoln	0
Crewe	0	Newport	3
Hereford	2	Hartlepool	1
Huddersfield	0	Bradford C	0
Northampton	2	Darlington	0
Peterborough	3	Doncaster	2
Portsmouth	1	Walsall	2
Port Vale	1	Halifax	0
Wigan	0	Tranmere	0
York	1	Torquay	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	38	21	15	2	63	33	57
Huddersfield	37	20	10	7	79	40	50
Portsmouth	38	19	10	9	77	43	48
Bradford City	37	19	10	8	55	45	48
Newport Co	36	20	6	10	67	41	46
Peterborough U	38	18	9	11	50	36	45
Lincoln City	38	14	13	11	52	39	41
Northampton T	38	15	10	13	47	54	40
Aldershot	37	15	9	13	53	41	39
Wigan A	35	15	9	11	55	52	39
Torquay U	35	13	11	11	55	50	37
Hartlepool	36	13	8	15	52	50	34
Bournemouth	37	9	16	12	41	42	34
Tranmere R	37	12	10	15	45	47	34
Halifax	36	12	10	14	37	45	34
Doncaster	36	11	10	15	32	54	32
Stockport Co	37	11	10	16	37	60	32
York City	38	11	9	18	52	70	31
Hereford U	37	10	10	17	31	41	30
Port Vale	37	10	10	17	45	56	30
Scunthorpe U	35	10	10	15	42	62	30
Darlington	38	7	13	18	45	62	27
Crewe Alex	37	7	9	21	26	62	23
Rochdale	36	5	11	20	29	70	21

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Morton	0

All other matches postponed and all matches in the first and second divisions postponed.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	26	13	10	3	47	21	36
Aberdeen	25	12	6	7	42	27	30
Morton	28	12	5	11	46	39	29
St Mirren	26	10	9	7	40	40	29
Rangers	27	11	6	10	36	32	28
Kilmarnock	26	8	11	7	28	35	27
Dundee U	26	7	9	10	28	25	23
Partick	27	6	11	10	27	35	23
Dundee	27	9	5	13	38	55	23
Hibernian	25	4	4	17	22	45	12

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: A Leamington 0, Barrow 1; Barnet . Altrincham 0, Bath 0, Northwich Victoria 0; Boston United 2, Redditch 0; Gravesend 2, Nuneaton 2; Stafford Rangers 0, Wealdstone 1, Weymouth 3, Kettering 1, Worcester 0, Scarborough 0; Yeovil 0, Telford 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Alvechurch 4, Cambridge City 0; Banbury 3, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Bedworth 0, Kings Lynn 0; Corby 0, Bedford 2; Enderby 2, Milton Keynes 0; Gloucester 0, Minehead 2; Kidderminster 3, Cheltenham 1, Taunton 1, Barry 0; Trowbridge 1, Stourbridge 2; Wellingborough 1, Bridgend 5; Witney Town 0, Bromsgrove 3. Southern division: Addlestone 0, Dorchester 1; Andover 0, Poole 1; Ashford 2, Waterlooville 0; Crawley 2, Folkestone and Shepway 1, Dover 3, Fareham Town 2, Dunstable 1; Hounslow 1; Gosport 3, Chelmsford 3; Hastings 4, Canterbury 4; Hillingdon 1, Aylesbury 1; Margate 4, Tonbridge 1; Salisbury 1, Basingstoke 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gainsboro 2, Mossley 3; Gateshead 3, Southport 0, Goole 2, Workington 0; Macclesfield 3, Runcorn 2; Marine 1, Tamworth 0; Witton Albion 1, South Liverpool 2, Worksop 1, Matlock 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes 0, Harlow 0; Hitchin 3, Enfield 1; Leatherhead 1, Dagenham 2; Oxford City 0, Hendon 1, Slough Town 0. Walthamstow Avenue 1; Staines 2, Carshalton 1; Sutton United 2, Barking 1; Tooting and Mitcham 3, Tilbury 0; Woking 2, Harrow Borough 1; Wycombe Wanderers 5, Croydon 1. First division: Camberley 0, Aveley 0. Chesham United 4, Horsham 1; Epsom and Ewell 0, Wokingham 2; Finchley 2, Maidenhead United 1; Hampton 0, Walton and Hersham 0; Harwich and Parkeston 2, Farnborough Town 0; Hertford 2, Clapton 0; Leytonstone and Ilford 2, Metropolitan Police 0; Ware 2, Kingstonian 1; Wembley 0, Bishop's Stortford 1. Second division: Epping 0, Eastbourne United 2; Feltham 1, Barton Rovers 0; Letchworth 2, Corinthian Casuals 1, Lewes 1, Tring Town 0, Molesey 5, Willesden 1; Rainham 2, Cheshunt 1; Southall 0, Hemel Hempstead 0.

European leagues

FRENCH: Angers 2, Brest 0; Nice 1, Paris-St Germain 0; Bordeaux 2, Marseilles 0; Bastia 2, Lyons 0; Lille 3, Metz 0; Nancy 0, Nantes 2; St Etienne 3, Lens 1; Strasbourg 1, Monaco 1; Nimes 2, Laval 0; Valenciennes 1, Sochaux 1.

POLISH: Lks Lodz 2, Wisla Krakow 1, Slask Wroclaw 0, Legia Warsaw 0; Lech Poznan 1, Gks Katowice 0; Szombierki Bytom 3, Ruch Chorzow 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2, Polonia Bytom 0; Arka Gdynia 0, Gornik Zabrze 1; Stal Mielec 1, Widzew Lodz 3; Odra Opole 1, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 1.

EAST GERMAN: Wismut Aue 1, Dynamo Berlin 4; Chemie Leipzig 1, Frankfurt Oder 2, Magdeburg 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Riesa 1, Zwickau [illegible] Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Halle Chemie [illegible] Dynamo Dresden 1, Erfurt 1; Union Berlin 2, Lok Leipzig 1.

WEST GERMAN: MSV Duisburg 0, VFL Bochum 1; Bayern Munich 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; VFB Stuttgart 5, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1, 1860 Munich 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Cologne 2; Eintracht Braunschweig 1, Borussia Dortmund 0; Hertha BSC Berlin 0, Kaiserslautern 2; Schalke 04 1, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Hamburg 5, Werder Bremen 0.

Leading placings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	26	15	6	5	52	26	36
Hamburg	25	14	6	5	59	28	34
Cologne	26	12	8	6	60	41	32
VFB Stuttgart	26	13	5	8	59	41	31
Schalke 04	26	11	7	8	35	31	29

FA VASE: semi-final round, first leg: Hungerford 1, Guisborough 3; Stamford 2, Curzon Ashton 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Chertsey 0, Burnham 0; Fleet 2, Chalfont St Peter 1; Harefield 0, Alton 0; Haringey 1, Leyton-Wingate 1; Hoddesdon 0, Grays 1; Redhill 4, Edgware 0; Uxbridge 1, Dorking 2; Welling 2, Marlow 1; Woodford 0, Ruislip Manor 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: West Auckland 1, Crook 2; Penrith 1, Consett 1; Ferryhill 3, South Bank 1; Ashington 1, Tow Law 2; North Shields 3, Willington 2; Shildon 0, Horden 2; Spennymoor 2, Whitley Bay 0.

IRISH CUP: semi-final round: Crusaders 1, RUC Constabulary 1; Linfield 1, Ballymena 0.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Asian group two: Brunei 2, The Philippines 0. Asian group three: Kuwait 5, South Yemen 1; Syria 3, Jordan 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Yugoslavia 2, Uruguay 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Archbishop Tenison's 0, Wilson's 1; BRNC Dartmouth 5, Devonport HS 3; Charterhouse 2, Millfield 1; Falmouth 2, Truro 1; Harrow Weald 1, Preston Manor 4; Latymer (Edmonton) 2, Willesden 3; Ravensbourne 1, Colfe's 2; Southgate 2, Albany 4.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Bradfieldians 2, Old Aldenhamians 3; Old Brentwoods 7, Old Salopians 0.

For the record

Speed skating

MILAN: World short track speed skating: Men's 500 metres: 1, M. Bella (France), 47.76sec; 2, S. Varen (Australia), 48.56; 3, G. Boucher (Canada), 53.44. Men's 1,500 metres: 1, G. Boucher (Canada), 2min 38.14sec; 2, L. Grenier (Canada), 2:39.34; 3, R. Bates (Australia), 2:40.88. Women's 500 metres: 1, M. Kato (Japan), 51.25; 2, G. Bogacki (US), 51.93; 3, C. Turnbull (Canada), 52.04. Women's 1,500 metres: 1, M. Kato (Japan), 2:38.37; 2, M. Kato (Japan), 2:40.20; 3, C. Turnbull (Canada), 2:41.45.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Washington Bullets 122, New York Knicks 117; Cleveland Cavaliers 109, Boston Celtics 105. Houston Rockets 125, Indiana Pacers 110. Los Angeles Lakers 97, Seattle Supersonics 92.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 3, Bromley 1; Hawks 0, Guildford 1; Hampstead 1, Richmond 2; Maidenhead 1, Purley 2; Old Kingstonians 1, Dulwich 1; Reading 5, Mid-Surrey 0; Southgate 5, Tulse Hill 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 1, Ireland 0.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Buckinghamshire 5, Middlesex 2.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Heaton Mersey 5, Stockport 11; Old Waconians 8, Sheffield University 12; South Manchester and Wythenshawe 8, Cheadle 5; Timperley 14, Boardman and Eccles 11; Urmston 10, Mellor 19.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cheshire U-15 8, Lancashire U-15 9.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Kenton 9, Lee 14; London University 0, Purley 18; St Helier 9, Buckhurst Hill 14.

Golf

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian open championship: 270: M. McNulty (GB), 67, 64, 67, 72. 279: Tsao Chien Teng (Taiwan), 73, 67, 72, 67. 284: M. Ramayah (Malaysia), 72, 71, 72, 69; M. Krantz (US), 73, 69, 70, 72; K. Takahashi (Japan), 70, 71, 72, 71; W. Godfrey (NZ), 72, 71, 67, 74. 285: Chen Tze Ming (Taiwan), 70, 72, 73, 70; B. Arda (Philippines), 70, 65, 75, 71; R. Cox (US), 71, 71, 70, 73. 286: Shen Chung Shyan (Taiwan), 74, 69, 71, 72; T. Anton (US), 73, 72, 74, 67; P. Stewart (US), 71, 69, 75, 72. 288: P. Foley (Australia), 72, 72, 73, 71; W. Aye (Burma), 71, 66, 75, 72; J. Godwin (US), 71, 74, 70, 73.

Tennis

METZ: Lorraine open tournament, men's singles: E. Mayer (US) beat P. McNamara (Australia), 6—1, 6—2; G. Ocleppo (Italy) beat C. Dibley (Australia), 6—4, 3—6, 14—12. Men's doubles: C. Delaney (US) and K. Warwick (Australia) beat C. Kirmayr (Brazil) and G. Ocleppo 7—6, 7—5; E. Mayer and C. Dibley beat M. Grant (US) and U. Marten (W Germany) 6—3, 6—1.

LINZ: International Austrian Indoor Championships, men's singles final: A. Graham (US) beat O. Parun (NZ) 3—6, 7—6, 6—4.

FRANKFURT: WCT indoor tournament, men's singles final: S. Smith (US) beat J. Kriek (SA), 2—6, 7—6, 6—2. Men's double semi-finals: Smith, V. Amritraj (India) beat H. Gildemeister (Chile), A. Gomez (Ecuador), 6—4, 4—6, 7—6; A. Pattison (S Rhodesia), B. Walts (US) beat I. Lendl (Czechoslovakia), B. Mottram (GB), 6—4, 6—2.

LEADING EARNINGS: 1, Miss M. Navratilova (US), $275,675; 2, Miss T. Austin (US), $139,500; 3, Mrs W. J. King (US), $138,875; 4, Miss W. Turnbull (Australia), $80,075; 5, Mrs C. Lloyd (US), $70,250; 6, Miss V. Wade (GB), $66,675; 7, Mrs E. Cawley (Australia), $62,100; 8, Miss G. Stevens (SA), $49,850; 9, Miss D. Fromholtz (Australia), $46,425; 10, Miss R. Casals (US), $40,850.

Swimming

BORLAENGE (Sweden): Swedish Indoor Championships: men: 100 metres backstroke: 1, B. Baron, 56.32; 2, M. Sonderlund, 57.00; 3, M. Nystroem, 58.77. 400 metres free-style: 1, T. Leidstroem, 3:51.46; 2, M. Petersen, 3:51.89; 3, G. Andersson, 3:56.31. 100 metres butterfly: 1, B. Baron, 56.08; 2, P. Wikstroem, 56.32; 3, O. Nyhlen, 57.28. 200 metres medley: 1, G. Andersson, 2:06.60; 2, T. Leidstroem, 2:07.24; 3, M. Soderlund, 2:08.96. Women: 100 metres backstroke: 1, P. Andersen, 1:04.36; 2, T. Gistavsson, 1:05.93; 3, C. Ljungdahl, 1:06.07. 400 metres free-style: 1, M. Persmark, 4:16.82; 2, K. Gustavsson, 4:21.21; 3, E-L. Eriksson, 4:22.33. 100 metres butterfly: 1, A. Almaksinen, 1:03.81; 2, A. Eriksson, 1:03.82; 3, H. Oedmark, 1:05.87. 200 metres medley: 1, A-S. Roos 2:19.10; 2, M. Persmark 2:21.59; 3, A. Philipsson 2:21.98.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Hawks 4, New York Islanders 4; Buffalo Sabres 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Boston Bruins 3, Atlanta Flames 2; Hartford Whalers 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Colorado Rockies 3, Detroit Red Wings 1; St Louis Blues 6, Washington Capitals 2; Los Angeles Kings 4, Quebec Nordiques 1.

Show jumping

VIENNA: International competition, fourth event: 1, N. Skelton (GB), Wallaby 56pts, 34.5secs; 2, H. Simon, Landgraefin, 34.34.5; 3, L. Collard-Bovy (Belgium), Loecky, 36.34.7; 4, P. Le Jeune (Belgium), Gentleman Jim, 36.35.8; 5, T. Fruchmann, FBI, 56.36.5. Knock-out event: Quarter-finals, Simon on Landgraefin, beat Skelton on Jet Lag; H. Smith (GB), Sanyo Tone, beat Collard-Bovy, Epsom; H. Snoek (WG), Rochus 5, beat E. Wauters (Belgium), Winnetou; T. Fuchs (Switzerland), Tullis-Lass, beat Miss S. Mapleson (GB), Beverage; Semi-finals, Simon beat Smith; Fuchs beat Snoek. Result: 1, Simon; 2, Fuchs; 3, Smith, Snoek; 5, Skelton, Collard-Bovy, Wauters, Mapleson.

Judo

BRIDGENORTH: British Schools girls championships: Junior: 1, Wales; 2, Surrey and Hants; 3, Sandwell and Middlesex. Intermediate: 1, Kent; 2, Middlesex; 3, Wales and Shropshire. Senior: 1, London; 2, Kent; 3, Wales and Middlesex. Open individual (over 56 kilos): 1, J. King (Havering); 2, S. Phillips (Middlesex); under 56 kilos: 1, S. Hughes (Shropshire).

Cross-country

CHINGFORD: Orion 15 miles open race: 1, A. Simmons (Luton A.C.), 1 hr, 30 mins, 08 secs; 2, D. G. Morton (Harlow A.C.), 1-36.25; 3, G. L. Meredith (Cambridge Harriers), 1-36.31. Teams: 1, Walthamstow A.C., 4-54.25; 2, Luton A.C., 4-54.54; 3, Cambridge H., 4-56.18.

Curling

PERTH: Women's world championships: Semi-final round: Canada 9, Scotland 4; Sweden 9, US 5. Final: Canada 7, Sweden 6.

Squash rackets

HELSINKI: *European amateur team championships*: Finals: Men: Sweden beat England, 3—2. Women: England beat Ireland, 3—0.

DURHAM: Audi World Cup: World Select 3, Rest of World 3. Details: Y. Hoffman (Australia) beat A. Smith: 9—4, 7—9, 9—4, 9—1; H. Jahan (Pakistan) lost to Q. Zaman (Pakistan), 9—7, 4—9, 2—9, 5—9.

Cricket

HAMILTON: Northern Districts 219 for 9 declared (D. Patel 3 for 68); D. H. Robins's Young England XI 106 for 0 (C. W. J. Athey, 42 not out, K. Sharp, 63 not out).

Boxing

BOLOGNA: Light-m Rocky Mattioli knocked out (US), first round.

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MEADOWBANK: Scot championship, finals: Men R. Tuckett (Australia) be stanini (Italy), 21-1 26-24. Women's singles: (England) beat A. Leona 21-18, 21-19, 21-16. Men Tuckett and R. Javor (Au Constantini and E. Marti 21-11, 21-13, 21-14. doubles: E. Walker (E Leonard beat A. Mitchell (E Ludi, 21-23, 21-19, 22- 21-14. Mixed doubles: M (England) and Ludi beat (Ireland) and Leonard, 22 22-24, 19-21, 21-17.

Fencing

SOLINGEN: West Ge nations tournament: 1, Poland; 3, Romania; 4, WG 1; 5, GB. Individual: (Romania); 2, M. Burtsen M. Mustata (Romania).

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In the second half, after Melville had broken on the open side of a lineout, the English forwards, at that time going productively in the loose, won a ruck that left at least a 3-2 overlap on the left. But Price kicked the ball away and England lost their last genuine opportunity of a try.

Price could not complain about the service he got from his scrum-half, Melville, whose later activities were restricted by a knock in the back, spun-out some near impeccable passes even when under pressure. His eye for the opening, speed on the break, and instinctive sense for doing the right thing underlined that he is a young player of exciting potential. But he remains rather frail in physique.

Wales for their part had no difficulties at stand-off half, where Bowen's relaxed and authoritative all-round performance had my colleague, Clem Thomas, always a zealous talent-spotter for his old club, Swansea, working hard on a dossier.

The Welsh No 8, Robinson, scored their first try after the full back, Harris, had hit a post with a penalty kick. Bowen varied in a nice conversion with his left foot and, in due course, landed a penalty himself. That was after Melville had made a snipe-like break from a scrummage to put in the England wing, Bernard. Ford's try for Wales came next and, before half time, Bowen dummied across his centres for Harris to enter the line and give Cambriani room to slip the last tackle for try No 3.

Ford all but got a fourth in the second half, but just put a foot into touch. At the finish, yet another break by Melville preceded a successful English ruck and Price got his last option right when he landed a dropped goal.

WELSH YOUTH: N. Harris (Cwmbran); A. Cambriani (Penlan), P. Hopkins (Llanelli), K. Jones (Seven Sisters), P. Ford (Cardiff); B. Bowen (Trebanog), R. Giles (Cornelly, captain), A. Edward (Cardiff), G. Hillman (Bridgend), A. Ellis (Ynysybwl), J. Manders (Cardiff), S. Wendall (Ynysddu), M. Alderman (Pembroke), J. Robinson (Gardiffaith), R. Preece (Gardiffaith).

ENGLAND COLTS: J. Bland (Durham City and Durham); S. Bernard (Wakefield and Lancashire), M. Woodward (Rosslyn Park and Middlesex), G. Davidson (Bedford and E. Midlands), R. Challis (Bentley and Oxfordshire), H. Price (RN, Sydney and Combined Services), N. Melville (Otley and Yorkshire); S. Redfern (Leicester Tigers and Leicester), R. Joy (RN and Combined Services), P. Essenhigh (Medway and Kent), G. Cuthell (RN and Combined Services), G. Stokes (Nottingham and Notts, Lincs and Derby), R. Tebbutt (Leicester Tigers and Leicester), P. Langton (Wirral and Cheshire), D. Jelinek (Blackheath and Kent, captain).

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The second half belonged conclusively to the RAF, even if no tried came until the third minute of injury time. Padden, their short-range goal-kicker, chipped over two more penalties from 22 metres to maintain their 100 per cent record in that respect. Although Warby, like his captain, the industrious Gillingham, a former Loughborough Colleges student, missed a try when a kick through went dead, the RAF stole a Navy heel and Thomas drove towards the posts. The ball went out to Wakeham who had a yawning overlap as he scored. Two minutes later Jones looped round to send the Navy substitute, Lee, over for a well-worked try, but it was merely a gesture. A case not so much of "Hello, sailor" as "Goodbye, sailor."

RAF: Cpl P. A'Hearne (Brize Norton); Cpl P. Bale (Halton), Cpl N. Coyne (West Drayton), F/O D. Warby (Waddington), Sgt J. Wakeham (Bunton); F/O A. Padden (Binbrook), J Tech K. Pugh (Waddington); Cpl M. Jones (West Raynham), Sgt A. Rust (Wyton), F/O N. Miller (Cranwell), F/O N. Gillingham (Newton—captain), J Tech J. Orwin (Brize Norton), Sgt W. Jenkins (Brize Norton). (Replacement: J Tech J. Woods (Church Fenton), Cpl G. Bull (Hereford), F/Lt G. Thomas (Brize Norton).

ROYAL NAVY: Lt C. Fabian (HMS Minerva); P/O B. Wills (HMS Fife), Lt Cmdr A. C. Jones (CFP Rosyth), Lt C. Bryning (HMS Sea Hawk), (replacement—Sub P. Lea (RNAS Culdrose)), Lt T. Newsom (HMS Glamorgan); Lt/Cdr L. Leigh (CTC, RNC), Sub Lt A. R. Davies (HMS Vernon); P/O J. Nash (HMS Excellent), Lt C. Hughes (HMS Daedalus), Lt J. Adams (HMS Heron), CPO W. Lane (HMS Petrel), L/Smn C. Folland (HMS Sea Hawk), Midshipman R. Thompson (HMS Norfolk), Lt S. Hughes (RM Deal), CPO P. Dunn (HMS Heron—captain).

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Gala must wait a week for celebrations

By Ian Mackenzie

Hawick 13 Gala 18

One of the many surprising discoveries about the Gala Rugby Club is that, in spite of their formidable presence in the game, they have a remarkably poor record in terms of winning competitions. They have frequently been bridesmaid, seldom bride.

Next Saturday the years of disappointment (though never despair) are likely to fall away in a riotous celebration. Then, only a mediocre Kelso side can stop Gala winning both the national league championship and the border league title as well. Hawick's 17 border league successes in the 20 seasons since 1960 is unlikely to become 18 in 21 seasons, and for that Gala can look back with thanks to last Saturday.

Having lost, 9—12, to Hawick on their own ground last November, their only defeat in the National League, Gala went to Mansfield Park with many doubts about their own ability and worries about Hawick's apparent invincibility, at least in the Border programme. Their fears would have been confirmed had the two Lions, Renwick and Tomes, played to form. Neither did.

Renwick did kick two penalty goals, but missed two other attempts and made rather a hash of trying to convert Whillan's try. On form, he would have won the game for Hawick. Easton kicked the other penalty goal.

There is not a weak link in the present Gala team. More important, they have come to believe in themselves. Some initial trepidation on Hawick's pitch—cleared of snow by a volunteer army, working in 16 degrees of frost—was understandable. A win by a goal, a dropped goal and three penalty goals to a try and three penalty goals shook away all the fears. Gala's points came from Brown, with a dropped goal, a conversion and a penalty goal; Dods, who kicked two penalty goals, and Leslie, who scored the try.

HAWICK: C. Easton; A. Taylor, J. Renwick, A. Cranston (captain), T. Williams; G. Anderson, D. Whillans; I. Cranston, W. Murray, T. Troup, A. Campbell, A. Tomes, P. Hogarth, C. Hogarty, D. Turnbull.

GALA: P. Dods; P. Ledingham, G. Halliday, C. Cass, V. Chlebowski, A. Brown, D. Bryson, J. Aitken (captain), R. Lawrie, R. Cunningham, T. Smith, K. Macaulay, J. Berthinussen, C. Dickson, D. Leslie.

Referee: J. B. Anderson (Edinburgh).

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		Pontypridd	30
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SCHOOLS MATCHES: Crypt 10, Old Cheltonians 20. Falmouth 6, Redruth 10; Friary Grammar 4, King Edward VI, Five Ways—12. St Joseph's Academy 0, Rochester Maths 6. Hessey seven: Final: Bryanston 18, Marlborough 6.

Cricket

Pakistan win their first series against Australia

Lahore, March 23.—Pakistan today won a three-match series against Australia for the first time with the final Test here ending in a draw.

The last day of the series was a personal triumph for Allan Border, the Australian all-rounder who completed his second century of the match. But the series belonged to Pakistan, led for the first time by Javed Miandad. They had won the first Test in Karachi by seven wickets and then denied Australia a scent of victory in the next two. This win was Pakistan's second in a home Test against Australia. The previous success, also in Karachi, was 24 years ago when Ian Johnson's Australians played only one Test in Pakistan.

Australia batted through the final day, moving from 64 for two overnight—a lead of 31—to 391 for eight at the close. Border, who made 150 not out in the first innings, scored 153 before he was out today, right at the end.

AUSTRALIA: First innings: 407 for 7 dec—A. Border 150 not out, J. Wiener 67, G. Chappell 56, Iqbal Qasim 4—90.

Second innings

R. Laird c Tasim, b Tausif	63
J. Wiener, c Mudassar, b Imran	4
K. Hughes r Qasim, b Imran	6
G. Chappel, b Qasim	57
G. Yallop, c and b Wasim Raja	33
A. Border st Miandad, b Azhar	153
R. Marsh run out	17
G. Beard, c sub, b Tasim	41
R. Bright, not out	10
D. Lillee, not out	2
Extras (lb 4, nb 3)	7
Total (8 wkts)	391

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—[illegible], 3—119, 4—134, 5—[illegible], 6—[illegible], 7—329, 8—380.

BOWLING: Imran, 12—3—50—2; Sarfraz, 14—3—35—0; Qasim, 34—8—111—1; Tausif, 26—3—72—1; Majid, 5—1—24—0; Miandad, 4—1—14—0; Wasim Raja, 9—1—11—1; Tasim, 5—2—28—1; Azhar, 1—0—2—1; Mudassar Nazar, 2—0—29—0.

PAKISTAN: First innings: 430 for 9 dec (Majid Khan 110, not out; Mudassar Nazar 80, Imran Khan 56; Wasim Raja 55; R. Bright 6—173) — Reuter.

Badminton

Padukone amazes all, including Swie King

By Richard Streeton

Prakash Padukone brought India their first men's singles title in the 81-year history of the All-England badminton championships, sponsored by John Player, when he beat the favourite, Liem Swie King, of Indonesia, 15—3, 15—10, in the final at Wembley yesterday. Lene Köppen, of Denmark, retained the women's title and England, represented in three doubles finals, won two of them.

This, though, was not an occasion for insularity. Two remarkable performances in the singles must be acknowledged first, with the victory by Padukone taking precedence because of its sheer unexpectedness. He has played Swie King four times before and always lost. It was hardly a great final, being too one-sided for that but will be remembered for the pattern it followed. From the moment Swie King came on court he looked surprisingly nervous for the man acknowledged as the greatest all-round player in the world, who was expected to win this title for the third time running.

In contrast, Padukone was so calm and methodical, he looked almost lackadaisical, beginning with the minute or so he kept everybody waiting at the start while he carefully removed and neatly folded his track suit. Swie King's confidence can hardly have been helped when Padukone immediately went into a 10—0 lead in one hand. The Indian served high and coolly dealt with the returns before steadily notching the points as Swie King hit wide or netted.

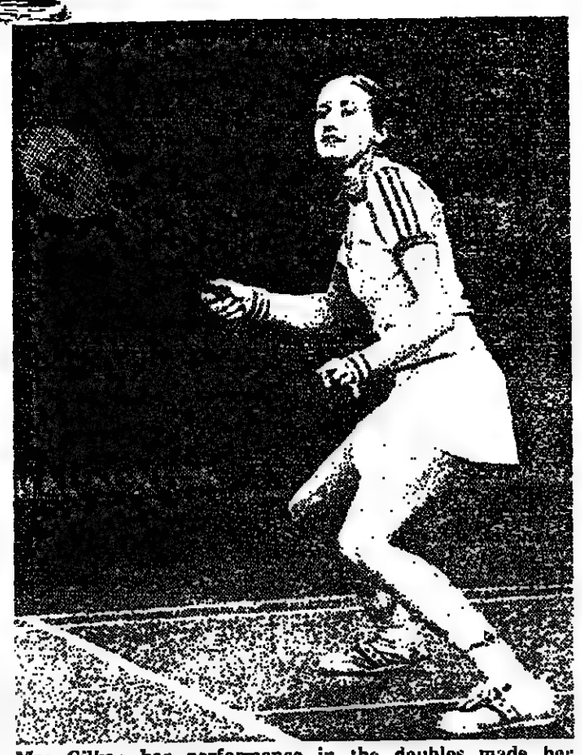
The Indonesian looked curiously insipid: not once in the first game, which was over in eight minutes did he land a proper smash. It was, of course, a case of him not being allowed to do so. Swie King's entire rhythm was thrown out of gear as Padukone, delaying his shot to the last possible moment, mesmerized his opponent.

Miss Köppen was equally superior as she beat Wiharjo Verawaty of Indonesia, 11—2, 11—6. No other woman player in the world could have done any better than the tall, strong Miss Verawaty who looked tense and flat-footed. Miss Verawaty is relatively new to European competition, but after watching Swie King's downfall the thought occurred to many people that perhaps Indonesia put too much pressure to succeed on their players.

For blazing rallies and spectacle, the men's doubles was the highlight. Tjun Tjun and Johan Wahjudi, of Indonesia, beat Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett, England's European champions, 10—15, 15—9, 15—10 to take this title for the sixth time in seven years. Many of the exchanges in this match had the crowd literally squealing with excitement at every stroke, notably as the English pair pulled up in the second game from 13—1 down. At 14—9 they saved six game points.

In contrast the women's doubles final was sedate and marked more by feminine craftiness with Gillian Gilks and Nora Perry beating the Japanese, Yoshiko Yonekura and Atsuko Tiokuda, 11—15, 15—7, 15—6. In the first game Mrs Gilks began slowly and Mrs Perry did not look altogether happy at the back of the court, but a greater degree of coordination came later. It was a result that once again made Mrs Gilks's unavailability for England in the future so sad.

The England selectors later announced publicly, with an unhappy knock of timing, that after 18 months of attempted conciliation, they were now abandoning all attempts to bring Mrs Gilks back into the fold. Both sides said a lot more, but finals day at the All-England was the wrong moment for such matters.



Mrs Gilks: her performance in the doubles made her unavailability for England all the more sad.

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-final round: Liem Swie King (Indonesia) beat P. Gunn (Denmark), 15—5, 15—8; P. Padukone (India) beat M. Frost Hansen (Denmark), 15—8, 15—10. Final: Padukone beat Swie King, 15—3, 15—10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Semi-final round: L. Koppen (Denmark) beat K. Larsen (Denmark), 11—0, 11—0; W. Verawaty (Indonesia) beat Y. Yonekura (Japan), 11—4, 11—6. Final: Miss Köppen beat Miss Verawaty, 11—2, 11—6.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-final round: R. Stevens and M. Tredgett beat H. Christian and A. Chandra (Indonesia), 15—8, 15—12; Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi (Indonesia) beat R. Sidek, 15—4. Final: Tjun Tjun and Wahjudi beat Stevens and Tredgett, 10—15, 15—9, 15—10.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-final round: G. Gilks and N. Perry beat S. Kondou and M. Takada (Japan), 15—5, 15—5; Y. Yonekura and A. Takada (Japan) beat N. Yakahiji and I. Wigeono (Indonesia), 15—11, 17—16. Final: Mrs Gilks and Mrs Perry beat Miss Yonekura and Miss Tiokuda, 11—15, 15—7, 15—6.

MIXED DOUBLES: Semi-final round: A. Christian and I. Wigeono (Indonesia) beat B. Steinquard and Miss I. Kruger (Denmark), 15—12, 12—11, 15—12; M. Tredgett and Miss N. Perry beat Kartono and Kich Lan Diyah (Indonesia), 15—7, 17—9. Final: Tredgett and Mrs Perry beat Christian and Miss Wigeono, 18—13, 15—10.

SPORT

Rowing

ARA come off the fence and vote in favour of Games

By Jim Railton

The Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) executive council voted by a clear majority yesterday that a British team should be sent to the Olympic Games in Moscow.

Yesterday the ARA council issued the following statement after a special meeting at their headquarters in Hammersmith: "Having considered carefully all the facets of the matter, Council believes that a British team should be sent to the twenty-second Olympics and our oarsmen should be part of that team. Accordingly, the council instructs its representatives to speak and vote in favour of immediate acceptance of the invitation at the next meeting of the British Olympic Association."

Since a rather bland statement three weeks ago, the ARA council has been under pressure from the British rowing team designate. They met leading representatives of the ARA executive on Saturday when it became apparent to the rowers, possibly for the first time, that the executive was unlikely to use them as political pawns.

The mood of the ARA has changed considerably in the last few weeks. My interpretation is that councillors have become increasingly disturbed by the thought of athletes being used as front-line troops by politicians without other obvious measures being taken against the Soviet Union.

It is understandable that some councillors were not in favour of the motion as a matter of conscience. Others may have voted for the motion only because it was the wish of their constituents rather than for personal choice. But the ARA council is firmly behind the team going to the Olympic Regatta, unless there is a further deterioration in the international situation.

So there were deep undercurrents both on the tideway and on its banks over the weekend. On Saturday the sport rather than politics took its rightful pride of place with the annual Head of the River race. But the late Groucho Marx would not have been out of place with his distinctive cigar and leaning walk.

The Spanish heavyweight eight, in the livery of London Rowing Club VII, took the Vernon Trophy as the fastest tideway crew, although most of them were seeing the river for perhaps the second time. Oxford's Isis, apparently representing Royal Chester, won another pennant. There were a considerable number of floating mercenaries in Saturday's tideway head—all within the rules—but changes are bound to come by next year.

Predictably the ARA second eight—packed with Britain's top oarsmen—won the vent, beating the previous record by four tenths of a second. They beat the Spaniards by 12 seconds. The London lightweights did well to finish third.

Oxford University had a bad row to finish eighth and there are only two weeks to the Boat Race on April 5. The "official" ARA eight, supposedly being groomed for Moscow, lost its headship, finishing fifth. The fact that they were slower than the British lightweights and not far ahead of leading club crews speaks for itself.

The Oxford and Cambridge University Women and men's lightweight eights were in action at Henley yesterday and they attracted a surprisingly large number of supporters. The Oxford University women's eight won convincingly by 2½ lengths; the Cambridge women's second eight, Blondie, and the men's lightweights made it Cambridge's day, each winning margin being two lengths.

RESULTS: 1, ARA II, 17 minutes 17.40 seconds (record); 2, London VIII, 17:29.80; 3, London I, 17:35 57; 4, Thames Tradesmen, 17:35.50; 5, ARA I, 17:35.30; 6, Queen Mary College, 17:39.90; 7, Leander, 17:41.50; 8, Isis, 17:46.43; 9, Fiat (Italy), 17:48.08; 10, Wallingford, 17:56.40; 11, London II, 17:59.08; 12, Angaria Hanover (West Germany), 17:59.55; 13, Tideway Scullers, 18:1.65; 14, Royal Chester, 18:2.12; 15, Thames Tradesman VIII, 18:6.19; 16, Molesey, 18:8.69; 17, Quintin III, 18:9.84; 18, Kingston II, 18:16.25; 19, Leander II, 18:17.57; 20, Thames Tradesmen II, 18:20.28.

PENNANTS: Head of the River: ARA II. Fastest Tideway crew: London VIII. Lightweight: Wallingford. Senior A: Angaria Hanover. Jackson Trophy: Royal Chester II. Senior B: Royal Chester I. Ortner Shield: Durham University. Novice: Reading University. Senior C: Bedford School.

UNIVERSITIES: Oxford Women's BC beat Cambridge Women's BC, 2½ lengths, no time taken. Blondie (Cambridge) beat Osiris (Oxford), 2 lengths, 6:17. Cambridge men's lightweights beat Oxford, 2 lengths, 6:13.

Rugby League

Only a match away from 'ideal' derby

By Keith Macklin

Just one more game, next Saturday's second semi-final, stands between the "burghers" and "citizens" of Kingston-upon-Hull and their Wembley ideal of the local derby to end all local derbies. After the comfortable victory by 20 points to seven of Hull Kingston Rovers against Halifax at Headingley on Saturday, Hull need to beat Widnes at Swinton next weekend to provide, for the second time this season, a Humberside battle for a leading knockout trophy. The fact that the stage will be Rugby League's equivalent of the Royal Variety Performance at the London Palladium gives added spice to the prospect of yet another confrontation between the deadliest of rivals from East Hull and West Hull.

Rovers were mildly worried for about 20 minutes at Headingley. They conceded two early penalties to Halifax's dependable full back, Birts; they hit back with the first of Sullivan's two tries, got in front with a penalty from Hubbard and thereafter controlled the game totally. As expected, the brave Halifax defence fought a magnificent rearguard action, but all the pace and the flair came from Rovers and their inspiring captain and stand-off half, Roger Millward, whose greatest ambition is to win a Wembley medal and who won the Man of the Match award for a non-stop performance.

Rovers were held to 8—4 at half-time, largely due to the fact that Hubbard, a very large young man who has made a great impact on Rugby League this season, could not kick goals. He shook his head in disbelief when he missed one from in front of the posts towards the end of the first half, and ended with only two successful attempts out of eight.

However, the superb attacking play of his colleagues provided the platform for inevitable victory. Rovers clinched the issue early in the second half with two tries from the cunning little scrum half, Agar, and the speedy centre, Hartley. Smith got a fifth try for Rovers, Millward crowned his display by dropping a goal and the 17,600 crowd gave a tremendous cheer when gallant Halifax got a late consolation try through

Staging its second game within 24 hours, Headingley provided the shock of the season yesterday. Leeds, who have a record of near invincibility on their own ground, were beaten 18—15 by Blackpool Borough, who have been sentenced to relegation since before Christmas. Borough were inspired by a lively performance from their stand-off, Alan Fairhurst, who scored a try, kicked four goals, and also dropped a goal.

Leeds led 10—7 at half-time, but even in the first half they had lacked the speed and power for which they are famous. They scored three tries through David Smith (two) and Cunningham, and Dick landed three goals, but Blackpool realised they were in with more than a fighting chance and an excellent all-round team display brought tries from Chester, Fairhurst and Risman.

The defeat of Leeds means that the first division championship rests between Widnes, the present leaders, and Bradford Northern, who have games in hand. Northern comfortably beat Salford 15—0 with David Redfearne, Barends and Grayshon scoring the tries and Stephenson (two) and Ferres landing goals against opponents who had a front row forward, Henney, sent off. Widnes, despite their injury problems, won comfortably at Hunslet. Wright and Bentley got their tries.

State Express Cup (Semi-final round)

Halifax 7 Hull KR 20

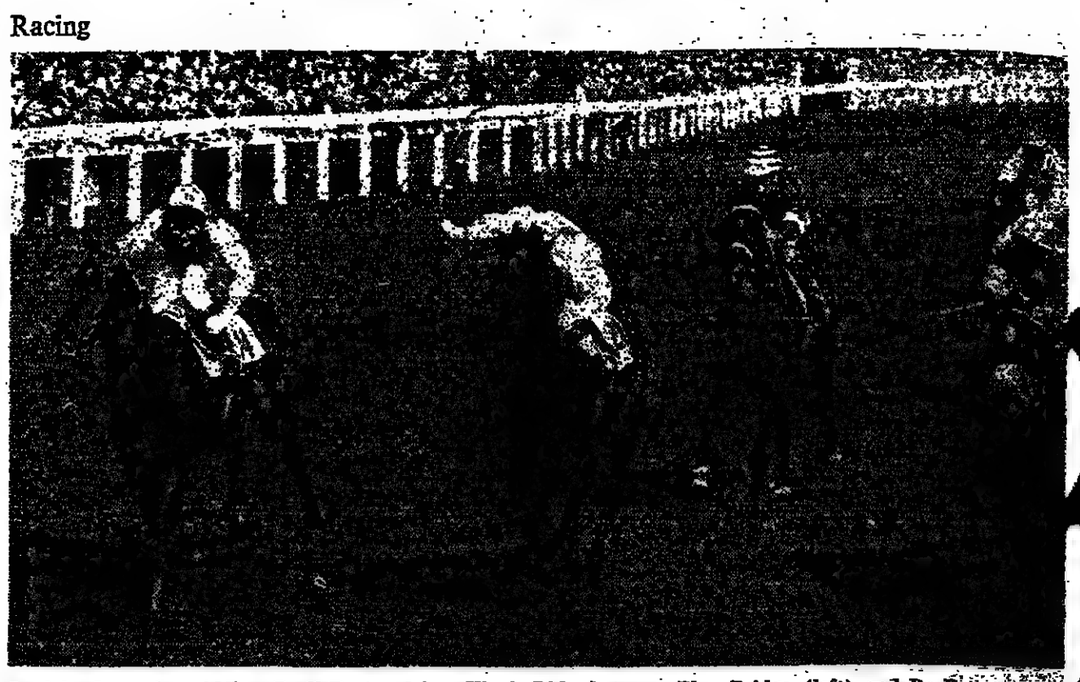
FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 15, Salford 0; Hull 20, Workington Town 4; Hunslet 5, Widnes 14; Leeds 15, Blackpool Borough 18; Wakefield Trinity 19, St Helens 24; Warrington 14, Castleford 14; York 15, Leigh 8.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	25	18	1	6	463	247	37
Bradford N	23	18	0	5	328	189	36
Hull	25	16	3	6	549	234	35
Leeds	25	17	0	8	550	319	34
Salford	23	15	1	7	381	378	31
St Helens	24	14	2	8	452	295	30
Hull KR	24	12	1	11	405	372	25
Leigh	25	12	0	13	345	316	24
Warrington	24	11	2	11	284	296	24
Wakefield	24	11	1	12	345	377	23
Castleford	26	10	2	14	388	427	22
Workington	24	9	2	13	253	388	20
Wigan	24	7	3	14	280	418	17
Hunslet	24	5	1	18	255	390	11
York	24	5	1	18	309	496	11
Blackpool	24	4	0	20	193	516	8

SECOND DIVISION: Dewsbury 12, Huddersfield 16; Featherstone 32, Batley 5; Rochdale 14, Huyton 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	24	19	2	3	645	265	40
Oldham	22	15	3	4	384	252	33
Barrow	21	14	1	6	408	238	29
Halifax	18	13	3	2	291	145	29
Whitehaven	22	12	1	9	308	238	25
Dewsbury	24	11	2	11	359	318	24
Bramley	20	10	1	9	361	268	21
Keighley	22	10	0	12	317	299	20
Huddersfield	21	10	0	11	312	306	20
Rochdale	21	8	4	9	217	242	20
Batley	24	8	2	14	204	357	18
Swinton	23	8	1	14	285	388	17
Huyton	20	3	0	17	162	415	6
Doncaster	22	1	0	21	147	569	2

Racing



Straight down the middle: Geoff Baxter drives King's Ride between Blue Bridge (left) and Be Better.

Wightman pulls off a brilliant coup

By Michael Seely

Great events will soon be sweeping us along, and the running of the Lincoln Handicap will be but a distant memory. Next weekend sees the staging of that fantastic spectacle, the Grand National and also the Guineas Trials at Salisbury. In Ireland the following Saturday Monteverdi, the spearhead of Vincent O'Brien's powerful team may be showing his paces in the McCairns Trial Stakes at Phoenix Park. If the 2,000 Guineas favourite is kept in reserve for the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh on April 12, last October's impressive Houghton Stakes winner, Night Alert, will do duty for the stable in the Dublin race.

The Craven meeting is only three weeks away. And soon the names of the classic trainers will be uppermost in our thoughts. So *now is the time to pay tribute to* the patience, skill and forethought of Bill Wightman. To prepare a horse to win the first big handicap of the season, particularly when that horse is the only animal in your yard qualified to run in the race, takes just as much planning and ingenuity as does the training of a Derby winner. The coup was engineered back in October and when Geoff Baxter drove King's Ride through a narrow gap between Blue Bridge and Be Better in the dying seconds of the race, Wightman was a proud and happy man.

I had made the fatal mistake of asking the trainer about his chances only the day beforehand. That is when a man's innermost fears are to the forefront. "I fancy him a lot", the Wizard of Upham said "but basically King's Ride is a 10-furlong horse, and now that the ground is drying up I've got to be worried."

The perfectionist was nearly right. Three furlongs from home Baxter and King's Ride were travelling smoothly on the rails, handily-placed just behind the leaders. Then in a trice the picture *changed as the specialist milers*, Be Better and Blue Bridge, kicked for home. King's Ride became outpaced and it was only in the last hundred yards as the two in front tired in the dead ground that the winner's stamina looked for the first time likely to gain the day.

To win the Lincoln a horse's *preparation has got to be started* early. Even so it was surprising to hear that King's Ride had not missed a day's work since before Christmas. "I've had the horse on the move all winter", Wightman said. "It's no good starting in February. You are bound to get stopped by hard weather or water logged ground." And looking at the horses in the parade ring you could see what the *trainer meant. Besides the first* three home, Black Minstrel, Bertie Me Boy and Smartset all looked trained to the minute. Most of the others, including my selection, Inside Quarter, all appeared as though one more race was needed to bring them to their peak.

Wightman leaves nothing to chance. It needed some pretty vigorous riding by Baxter to get the best out of King's Ride. "He wouldn't win an argument without the whip. And I had Baxter down to Upham to ride the horse in a gallop just to impress this fact upon him." And it was the two hefty cracks that Baxter gave King's Ride inside the two furlong marker that finally persuaded the colt to run.

King's Ride is the late-maturing type of animal that Wightman loves to handle. A 22,000 guineas purchase as a yearling, the Rarity colt is a half-brother to Court Chad, whom Gavin Pritchard-Gordon saddled to win four races including the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury in 1975. And Wightman is also hopeful of placing King's Ride to win a pattern race.

After Air Trooper had won a maiden race at Nottingham in 1976 Wightman told me "I'm going to win a group race with this one." His bold words just failed to come true the following season when Air Trooper was beaten a head by Trusted in the group two Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot. But the four-year-old's five victories that year had included a triumph in York's *Magnet Cup under 9st 6lb.* So, when Wightman says: "I'm more confident of winning a pattern race with King's Ride than I was with Air Trooper" you have got to take notice.

Now sixty-five years old, Wightman is the longest-serving trainer in the country, having first taken out a licence in 1937. And Saturday's win more than compensated the trainer for the fate of Queendom, Summersway, and Flying Nelly, who finished runners-up in three successive Lincolns.

Well-versed in country lore, Bill Wightman is a farmer, naturalist and a keen shot. And he is just as patient in his handling of gundogs as he is in his training of his horses. "A pair of partridges settled in my garden the morning I came away. I'm sure they are going to stay and nest there. But I'm keen to get home and see if I'm right", he said. And so having realized a cherished ambition one of racing's outstanding characters got into his car and drove home to the Hampshire Downs.

STATE OF GOING (official): Leicester: good to soft: Stalls, inside rail all races. Plumpton: good to soft. Sandown Park (tomorrow): good. Sedgefield (tomorrow): soft.

Kamarid makes up for lost tir

From Desmond Stoneh
French Racing Corres
Paris, March 23

Kamaridaan, who wor first of his six races again made a successfu the season when putt smart performance to £15,642 Prix Exbury lengths at St-Cloud on Always in the first thre daan quickly disposed o time leader, Anifar, a f a half from home anc have to be hard ridden steadily clear.

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Athletics

Indoor record falls to Miss Baker

Lorraine Baker, aged 15, scored a double in the women's AAA intermediate national indoor championships at Cosford on Saturday. She recorded an age group record and personal best in winning the 400 metres in 55.4 seconds. An hour later Miss Baker, of Coventry Godiva, beat Linsey MacDonald in the intermediate 800 metres.

Miss Baker forced the pace from the start and, with 200 metres remaining, was 20 metres in front. Miss MacDonald produced an electrifying burst as both girls hurled themselves at the line together. The verdict went to Miss Baker with both timed at 2 min 10.3 sec. Winners:

INTERMEDIATE: Long jump: K. Glen, 5.65m. Women: 60m: J. Perry, 7.56 sec; 800m: L. Baker, 2 min 10.3 sec; 1500m: M. Alford, 4:32.8; shot: C. Gregory, 12.84 (record); 400m: L. Baker, 55.4 sec (equals 15 age group best); high jump: B. Corrigan, 1.78m (Irish senior and intermediate indoor best).

YOUTHS: 60m: M. Grzesiak, 7.05; 800m: G. Burton, 1:49.6; 60m hurdles: T. Leeson, 8.5 sec; 400m: J. Weston, 50.7s; 1500m: M. Maynard, 4:8.9; Pole Vault: W. Davey, 4.30m; shot: W. Cole, 15.55m; Long jump: H. Teape, 6.85m; Triple jump: H. Teape, 14.74m (UK indoor best).

JUNIOR 400m: R. Dickens, 49.1 sec; Triple jump: J. Herbert, 15.15m; High jump: O. Chan, 2.11m; Pole vault: D. Hooper, 4.60m; Long jump: J. King, 7.08m; 60m: M. Powell, 6.85 sec; 800m: M. Rowland, 1:54.3; Shot: A. Zaidman, 16.16m. Women: 60m: N. Morrisey, 7.79.

SENIOR: 4 x 100m: Stoke, 43.5; women: 4 x 100m: Borough Road, 49.2 sec.

Hockey

England fightback foils fast and inventive Irish

By Sydney Friskin

England 4 Ireland 4

The Hockey Association' travelling circus moved yesterday from Lord's to the artificial surface at Crystal Palace, where England shared eight goals with Ireland. It enabled England to stay unbeaten over the *weekend* by *virtue of* their 1—0 victory over Ireland in a less eventful match on Saturday, when an early goal by Wallace proved decisive.

It seemed unlikely that Ireland would lose the grip they had taken on yesterday's match shortly after the interval, when they led 3—1 and with only seven minutes to go were 4—2 ahead. The result represented a good fightback by England, but overall Ireland played faster and more inventive hockey.

England, however, motivated from behind by the experienced Thomson and Alistair McGinn, took an early lead through Leman, who drove a shot from the left of the circle into goal. Late in the first half, one of Thomson's feet came in the way of a shot by O'Driscoll and Latta converted the penalty stroke for Ireland.

England missed a penalty stroke, awarded for obstruction by the Irish goalkeeper, when Leman's shot flew high and wide. The score at the interval was 1—1, but the Irish soon jumped into a 3—1 lead, when Cummins scored from open play, the umpire first disallowing the goal and then allowing it on appeal, and McConnell from a short corner.

England's short corner drill then began to work, and Craig scored. At the other end Allister rammed in McGladdery's centre and back came Craig to convert another short corner. The consensus was that England were lucky to earn this award, but so it seemed were the Irish when McConnell scored earlier. Finally, in a hectic scramble deep in the circle, McGinn scooped into an

So ended an eventful weekend, on which the Great Britain Hockey Board (men and women) confirmed the decision of their constituent bodies not to send a British team to Moscow

ENGLAND: J. Hurst (St Albans, capt), R. Dodds (Cambridge University), I. Thomson (Hounslow), D. Craig (Southgate), P. Newton (Richmond), D. Badley (Liverpool Sefton), sub. S. Batchelor, Hounslow), A. McGinn (Southgate), A. Wallace (Southgate), sub, M. Wilkinson, (Neston), N. Francis (Guildford), R. Smith (Neston), R. Leman (East Grinstead).

IRELAND: T. Allen (Monkstown); W. McConnell (Belfast YMCA), N. Crawford (Belfast YMCA), D. Richardson (Avoca), M. Sinnamon (Banbridge), J. Cole (Dublin YMCA, capt), C. Latta (Three Rock Rovers), E. Cummins (Catholic Institute), C. Allister (Banbridge), A. O'Driscoll (Harlequins), N. McGladdery (Banbridge).

Umpires: J. Deri-Bowen (Wales), J. Maxwell (Scotland).

COLTS FINALS: under 15, Maidenhead 5, Surbiton 1; under 18, Bedfordshire Eagles 2, Marlow 1.

Tennis

Mrs King bows to Miss Austin's panache

New York, March 23.—Martina Navratilova, the top seed, and Tracy Austin, the second seed, will meet in the final of the $300,000 women's grand-prix championship for the second year in a *row*.

Miss Navratilova beat Evonne Cawley of Australia 6—2, 3—6, 6—0 but the Czechoslovak exile, who now lives in Dallas, was well below her best. Miss Austin had a much easier time in beating her 36-year-old compatriot, Billie Jean King, 6—3, 6—1 in 51 minutes in the other semi-final.

Miss Navratilova blamed serving problems for her loss of the second set. "I didn't serve well but then I began to concentrate better in the third set and tighten up my volley."

Mrs Cawley, who predicted that Miss Navratilova would beat Miss Austin in the final, said: "I don't *think Martina played as* consistently as I've seen her in the past, and I just made too many errors."

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: E. Cawley (Australia) beat K. Jordan 6—2, 6—4; L. W. King beat W. Turnbull (Australia), 6—2, 6—3. Semi-final round: M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) beat Cawley 6—2, 3—6, 6—0; T. Austin beat King 6—3, 6—1. Doubles final: King and Navratilova beat R. Casals and Turnbull 6—3, 4—6, 6—3.

Doncaster results

1.45: 1, Swan Princess (5-2 jt fav); 2, Bohemian Rhapsody (20-1); 3, Cleat (7-2). Red Treasure 5-2 jt fav. 15 ran. NR: Amanda Mary.

2.15: 1, Benol (11-4); 2, Lingdale (20-1); 3, Black Earl (7-1). Dunham Park 5-2 fav. 15 ran.

2.55: 1, King's Ride (10-1); 2, Blue Bridge (10-1); 3, Be Better (11-2 fav). 16 ran.

3.25: 1, Herons Hollow (11-4); 2, Greek Prince (4-1); 3, Bond Dealer (20-1). Admirals Barge 5-2 fav. 16 ran.

3.55: 1, Mountain Hays (9-2 fav); 2, Fata Morgana (6-1); 3, Baltic Love (50-1). 19 ran.

4.25: 1, Remainder Imp (5-1); 2, Tryton Lines (9-2); 3, Piel Canela (4-1). B. J. Alert 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Lafontaine.

4.55: 1, Getaway Girl (8-1); 2, Nepauree (4-1 fav); 3, Right So (7-1). 20 ran.

Newbury

2.0: 1, Royal Air (15-2); 2, Mr Mellors (7-4 fav); 3, Respectful (25-1). 14 ran.

2.30: 1, Ekbalco (33-1); 2, Whisky Go Go (33-1); 3, Snailwell (20-1). 4-1 fav. 22 ran. NR: Silent Prayer.

3.5: 1, Might Be (11-1); 2, Forbidden Fruit (11-4 fav); 3, The Baker (10-1). 11 ran.

3.35: 1, Cisto (5-4 fav); 2, Du Maurier (11-2); 3, Casbuck (14-1). 23 ran. NR: Elmbrook.

4.5: 1, Henry Bishop (15-8 fav); 2, Collars and Cuffs (15-2); 3, Royal Portora (7-1). 10 ran.

4.35: 1, Crown Board (11-8 fav); 2, Cappello (33-1); 3, Money For Jam (15-2). 22 ran. NR: Ansty Fox, Braid.

Bangor-on-Dee

1.45: 1, Kilroy Manor (11-10 fav); 2, Manelec (7-2); 3, Owain (33-1). 17 ran. Cardinal's Outburst did not run.

2.15: 1, Cheers (5-4 fav); 2, Cedar's Daughter (8-1); 3, Manipulate (25-1). Bourbridge, Space Boy, Master Straight, Steel Blue did not run.

2.45: 1, Hallex Pep (6-4 fav); 2, Parklands (8-1); 3, Bitter End (16-1). 14 ran. Brave Lon, Pride of Olly did not run.

3.15: 1, Lewis Homes (5-4 jt fav); 2, Handy Mark (8-1); 3, Bobby Kempinski (5-4 jt fav). 9 ran.

3.43: 1, Setton Gorse (5-2); 2, Durham Town (5-1); 3, Snow Buck (8-1). Haronford 5-4 fav. 5 ran. Moonstruck, Lough Street did not run.

4.15: 1, Pearlyking (10-1); 2, Kelkasharandi (5-4 fav); 3, Gather Ye Roses (20-1). 18 ran. Eggleton Lad, Lord Wickins, Master Minella did not run.

Leading goalscor

FIRST DIVISION: D (Liverpool) 23; P. Boyer ton) 21; G. Hoddle (Tott spur) 21; F. Stapleton (A A. Sunderland (Arsenal) (Derby County) 18; K. Dal pool) 17; P. Mariner (Ips 17; B. Kidd (Everton) 16.

SECOND DIVISION: C. Rangers) 25; D. Moss (L 22; A. Shoulder (Newcastle D. Cross (West Ham Uni McNeil (Wrexham) 17; (Sunderland) 17.

THIRD DIVISION: A. Ma don Town) 26; A. Rowland Town 22; T. Curran (Sheff day) 21; T. Austin (Mansf 19; J. Glavin (Barnsley) 1 (Millwall) 18; E. Moss (C 17; A. Crawford (Blackbu 17.

Boxing

Cattousse may be latest in Lawless line of champions

The Terry Lawless champion factory, which suffered a rare setback when Jimmy Flint failed to win the British featherweight title from Pat Cowdell, should produce another winner today when Ray Cattouse, of Balham, may beat Dave McCabe, from Gartcosh, for the vacant British lightweight championship.

The Lawless camp is back on course after Jim Watt's world title win over Charlie Nash last weekend; they are also back in Glasgow where the stable has a tradition of winning and retaining championships.

The atmosphere at the St Andrews sporting club tonight will be a good deal more restrained than for Watt v Nash at Kelvin Hall. This time the home crowd is likely to be disappointed. McCabe has a perfect record of 19 wins in 19 fights where Cattouse has been almost totally unemployed during the past year. Yet Cattouse has the extra touch of class, and barring accidents, this should see him through a hard fight.

In February last year, Cattouse gave the most impressive performance of his career, stopping Johnny Claydon, who had fought both Watt and Nash for the British title. This was a final eliminator for this contest but he has boxed only once since and that bout lasted less than one round. In the same period, McCabe had four fights and four wins. So the Scot should take an early lead but on this occasion could find himself overtaken.

Fire halts training: A fire in the Caesars Palace sports pavilion prevented Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, from training yesterday for his title defence here against Leroy Jones on March 31, Reuter reports from Las Vegas.

The fire, started by a workman's torch, burned one wall and part of the ceiling before it was put out. Water from fire hoses damaged the ring, but it was expected that Holmes would be able to resume training today.

On the same night as the Holmes-Jones fight, John Tate, the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion, will defend his title against a fellow-American, Mike Weaver, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tate is an overwhelming favourite but Weaver remains confident. "I don't know why people say I'm just going to Knoxville to get beat," he said. "I'm going to surprise some people. I really don't think Tate will last past the seventh round. I'll either knock him out or he'll quit. I'm gonna put pressure on him. Everyone says Tate is big and strong, but I don't think he can carry that weight when the pressure is on him."

Tate is 6 feet 4 inches (1.93m) and 240 pounds (108.72kg) —*Weaver is 6 feet 1 inch (1.85m)* and 205 pounds (92.87kg).

Horse trials

Haagensen the master

Nils Haagensen, Denmark's reigning European champion, gave an international favour to the open/intermediate division of the Shelswell horse trials near Bicester yesterday, when he competed on Monaco, the horse on whom he won his title at Luhmühlen last September. With only 20 dressage penalties (he was a member of the Danish dressage team in the last *Olympic games*) *he left his rivals* determined to try to avoid being in the same section at subsequent spring events. With time in hand, he could afford to take things easily across country, and although lucky to escape a fall when he caught a leg momentarily in the "V" at fence eight, he incurred only 11 time faults and won.

Richard Lord, who is still in the young rider category, did the third-best dressage and went into second place with a fractionally better time than Lucinda Prior-Palmer, who was giving her New Zealand horse Mairangi Bay his first pre-Badminton outing.

Judy Bradwell had the best intermediate score to win a section with Derby House, and another winner was Lucinda Moir, on the former hurdler Queen Hill.

MIDLAND BANK OPEN/INTERMEDIATE: Section D: 1, N. Haagensen's Monaco (31 penalty points); 2, Miss R. Lord's Milton Bella (46); 3, Overseas Containers Ltd's Mairangi Bay (Miss L. Prior-Palmer) (46). Section E: 1, Miss J. Cooper's Bert (56); 2, Miss F. Macalister's Bayard (57); Miss V. Oliver's Crown of Crowns (57). Intermediate Section A: 1, Miss E. Davidson's Billy (77); 2, Mrs J. Neil and Miss N. Marshall's Yatton (57); 3, Miss K. Meacham's St George (58). Section B: 1, Miss L. Moir's Queen Hill (32); 2, R. Cayzer's Mr D (33); N. Taylor's Polvnor (60). Section C: Miss J. Bradwell's Derby House (42); 2, Mrs E. Mullins Breakthrough Too (36); 3, Miss S. Claphams Kalambu (32).

Skiing

Stenmark not a 'billboard'

Stockholm, March 23.—Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, has decided to turn semi-professional, Bjoern Wagnsson his lawyer and agent said at the weekend. Stenmark, who won both slalom events in this year's Winter Olympics and dominates the World Cup slalom circuit, will continue to compete in world cup events on a "B" licence, his lawyer said.

This licence, granted him yesterday by the Swedish ski federation, allows him to sign personal contracts to advertise products rather than drawing a share of a pool of sponsors' money. His new status may make it impossible for Stenmark to participate in any more Olympics, although these rules will be reviewed over the next four years, Mr Wagnsson said.

"There is obviously big money involved. But we kept it very quiet because of the Olympics and have not yet started negotiations, he said.

Apart from the ski equipment he will wear while competing, Stenmarks hopes to sign long-term contracts to advertise only a few big products, such as cars, and will not become a walking billboard, Mr Wagnsson said.

Stenmark, who recently turned 24, has won two Olympic golds, two world championship golds and three World Cup titles. Mr Wagnsson said Stenmark planned to continue skiing in World Cup events for at least two years and had no present interest in joining the American professional circuit. —Reuter.

Neuper leaves rivals behind

Planica, Yugoslavia, March 23.—Hubert Neuper, of Austria, became the winner of this season's World Cup ski competition after leaving his nearest rivals well behind in the event here today. Neuper made the longest jump of 140 metres and, with the other one of 118 metres, totalled 284.4 points to win the event.

His compatriots, Armin Kogler, placed second in the overall standings, and Hans Millonig, the winner of the event yesterday, *were placed second and third* respectively. With leaps of 115 and 118 metres, Kogler made 261.4 points and Millonig totalled 259.6 with leaps of 121 and 110 metres.

RESULTS: 1, H. Neuper (Austria), 284.4 pts; 2, A. Kogler (Austria), 261.4; 3, H. Millonig (Austria), 257.2; 4, P. Ulaga (Yugoslavia), 255.6; 5, S. Collins (Canada), 253.2; 6, M. Tepes (Yugoslavia), 250.4.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, Neuper, 221 pts; 2, Kogler, 189; 3, S. Bobak (Poland), 128; 4, J. Saetre (Norway), 108; 5, H-J. Sumi (Switzerland), 102; 6, A. Innauer (Austria), 96.—Reuter.

Austrians finish first and second

Zwiesel, West Germany, March 22.—Rudolf Huber and Christian Orlainsky, of Austria, captured first and second places in a men's European Cup giant slalom race here today. Czechoslovakia's Bohumir Zeman finished third, half a second behind the winner.

Huber clocked 2min 09.24sec, and Orlainsky was timed at 2:09.56. Zeman registered 2:09.64. Italy's Siegfried Kerschbaumer retained the overall lead in the European Cup standings, and another Italian, Tiziano Bieller, who finished fourth today, headed the giant slalom classification.

RESULTS: 1, R. Huber (Austria), 2min 09.24sec; 2, C. Orlainsky (Austria), 2:09.56; 3, B. Zeman (Czechoslovakia), 2:09.64; 4, T. Bieller (Italy), 2:10.31; 5, F. Kindl (Austria), 2:10.60; 6, M. Vion (France), 2:10.67.

STANDINGS: 1, Bieller, 125 pts; 2, B. Merelli (Italy), 77; 3, H. Gstrein (Austria), 75; 4, E. Riedelsperger (Austria), 73; 5, K. Waloeen (Norway), 70; 6, F. Kindl, 47.

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, S. Kerschbaumer (Italy), 155 pts; 2, T. Bieller, 146; 3, H. Gstrein, 126; 4, P. Zurbridgen (Switzerland), 107; 5, G. Carletti (Italy), 102; 6, H. Nach-

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Andermatt	90	360	Good	Varied	Fair	Fog	2
Slush on lower slopes							
Courmayeur	200	500	Good	Varied	Good	Fair	4
New snow on good base							
Isola 2000	220	290	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-10
Good skiing conditions							
Les Arcs	155	260	Good	Varied	Good	Fog	1
Good skiing on piste							
Tignes	220	310	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-1
Good piste skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

Leicester programme

2.15 MAYTIME STAKES (2-y-o : £937 : 5f)

2 Rikasso Beauty, A. Demetriou, 8-8 .... E. Hide 13
3 Steel Part, D. Gandolfo, 8-4 .... J. Reid 10
4 Coal Bunker, R. Hannon, 8-1 .... B. Rouse 5
5 Miss Murton, P. Haslam, 8-1 .... D. McKeown 5 12
7 Boldwin, A. Davison, 7-13 .... M. Kettle 9
8 Lambs at Eight, C. Bewicke, 7-13 .... M. Wigham 3
11 Roselingo, P. Haslam, 7-12 .... B. Jago 11
12 Skipaway Blues, K. Ivory, 7-12 .... K. Leason 7
13 Mandaboy, G. Toft, 7-10 .... S. Lawes 5 16
15 Doubtful Friend, J. Hardy, 7-9 .... E. Johnson 6
19 Lucky Tonight, G. Blum, 7-8 .... J. Lowe 10
20 Midridge Drift, R. Stubbs, 7-8 .... M. Thomas 1
22 Teslin, M. Cousins, 7-8 .... K. Darley 4
24 Star Bairn, W. Wharton, 7-6 .... R. Fox 8
26 Seymour Lady, D. Weedon, 7-5 .... I. Jenkinson 2
27 Irish Fondue, G. Blum, 7-4 .... — 11

11-4 Coal Bunker, 7-2 Doubtful Friend, 9-2 Star Bairn, 6-1 Lambs at Eight, 8-1 Roselingo, 10-1 Skipaway Blues, 12-1 Steel Part, 20-1 others.

2.45 BILLESDON HANDICP (Selling : £748 : 1m)

1 442030- Red Jay, W. Marshall, 4-10-0 .... L. Piggott 19
3 041010- Sunnybanks Angel (D), R. Simpson, 4-9-8 .... D. Atkinson 17
4 012000- Elsa Clara, R. Whitaker, 4-9-6 .... T. Ives 6
6 004033- Bronze God (B), W. Kindersley, 4-9-4 .... R. Curant 8
7 000001- Mitzi Bell (D,B), S. Wainwright, 4-9-4 .... L. Charnock 13
8 000000- Winking Fields, D. Weedon, 4-9-1 .... I. Jenkinson 10
9 000000- Jamal, W. Wharton, 4-8-13 .... W. Wharton 3 8
11 003000- Miss Mops, E. Carter, 4-8-11 .... P. Eddery 18
13 00- Cornish Scot, M. McCourt, 4-8-10 .... K. Leason 4
15 100002- The Old Feller, K. Ivory, 4-8-8 .... P. Young 11
16 000- Katumba, D. Weedon, 4-8-7 .... E. Hide 5
17 000004- No No Holdings, P. Felgate, 4-8-7 .... J. Seagrave 7
18 0p0- Some Cherry, T. Taylor, 4-8-7 .... S. Perks 5 15
19 00000- Very Friendly, M. Cousins, 4-8-7 .... E. Johnson 10
20 300420- Singing Tudor, D. Garraton, 4-8-7 .... C. Holgate 7 12
21 200000- Desert Prince, W. Musson, 4-8-7 .... M. Kettle 16
22 00043- Sparky's Melody, A. Davison, 4-8-7 .... P. Robinson 3 14
24 00- Chaperon, J. Harris, 4-8-7
25 040100- Lady Revelle, G. Toft, 3-8-1 .... S. Lawes 5 1

7-2 Red Jay, 5-1 No No Holdings, 9-2 Singing Tudor, 6-1 Winking Fields, Bronze God, 8-1 The Old Feller, 10-1 Elsa Clara, 12-1 Sunnybanks Angel, 20-1 others.

3.15 WELFORD HANDICAP (£2,222 : 1½m)

1 313203- Beggar's Bridge, D. Laing, 5-10-0 .... L. Piggott 3
2 211210- Demi Feu (D), N. Callaghan, 4-8-8 .... P. Eddery 5
3 1134- Armorial (CD), P. Makin, 4-8-5 .... S. Cauthen 10
4 101144- Corral's Bond (CD), W. Guest, 4-8-5 .... J. Reid 4
8 0020- Killer Shark (D), G. P-Gordon, 5-8-2 .... G. Duffield 7
9 004111- Conflict (D,B), I. Walker, 4-8-2 .... P. Colquhoun 8
10 004111- Ringgit (D), R. Armstrong, 4-8-1 .... P. Tulk 6
12 114120- 'andsome (D), M. Pipe, 4-7-12 .... P. Robinson 3 9
13 230440- Valdor (D), R. Akehurst, 5-7-7 .... M. Thomas 1
Ravensbourne, R. Akehurst, 7-7-7 .... Paul Eddery 7 11

9-4 Ringgit, 3-1 Demi Feu, 9-2 Killer Shark, 7-1 Conflict, 10-1 'andsome, 12-1 Armorial, Beggar's Bridge, 20-1 others.

3.45 SIMON DE MONTFORT STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens : £1,042 : 1¼m)

1 340300- Andrew Mark, N. Adam, 9-0 .... J. Lowe 9
3 00- Brunatti, S. Holland, 9-0 .... G. Moss 1
4 0- Credit Centre, M. Jarvis, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 8
10 400404- Malza, R. Hannon, 9-0 .... F. Morby 4
11 0- Mandinka, J. Hardy, 9-0 .... E. Johnson 15
14 0- Phidem, P. Haslam, 9-0 .... B. Jago 6
16 00330- Right Diamond, R. Akehurst, 9-0 .... G. Baxter 11
18 Scotsezo, C. Britain, 9-0 .... J. Lynch 8
21 Yigdal, N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... E. Hide 12
24 040300- City Link Express, P. Ashworth, 8-11 .... B. Rouse 5
25 000000- Good Information, W. Guest, 8-11 .... J. Reid 2
28 Lauking, W. Holden, 8-11 .... P. Cruz 5 7
31 003- Queensbury Lady, D. Dale, 8-11 .... P. Robinson 3 10

7-4 Credit Centre, 4-1 Right Diamond, 5-1 Scotsezo, 7-1 Queensbury Lady, 10-1 Yigdal, 12-1 Malza, Andrew Mark, 20-1 others.

4.15 KIBWORTH STAKES (3-y-o : £1,303 : 1¼m)

2 100022- Echenior, K. Ivory, 8-8 .... K. Leason 3
3 010004- Tops, D. Dale, 8-8 .... B. Raymond 2
4 000420- Baron Blakeney, W. Marshall, 8-5 .... L. Piggott 5
5 00000- Columbium, E. Reeson, 8-5 .... P. Cook 4
6 00- My Danny Boy, R. Hollinshead, 8-5 .... W. Swinburn 3 1
7 000- Royal Classic, D. Wintle, 8-5 .... W. Carson 7
8 00000- The Arkesden Ace, N. Callaghan, 8-3 .... P. Eddery 6

4-5 Baron Blakeney, 7-2 Tops, 5-1 Echenior, 8-1 Columbium, 10-1 My Danny Boy, 25-1 others.

4.45 LODDINGTON STAKES (3-y-o : £1,153 : 6f)

1 044002- Alpine Rocket, G. Balding, 8-11 .... R. Weaver 3
2 000200- Benny Lynch, R. Hannon, 8-11 .... B. Rouse 6
3 02- Blues, W. Guest, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 7
4 00000- Brianstanway, D. Nicholson, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 2
6 00- Fair Duel (B), P. Makin, 8-11 .... W. Carson 1
7 0- Habalook, J. Bethell, 8-11 .... P. Cook 11
9 0000- Jahoda, B. Richmond, 8-11 .... — 12
10 002002- Lindy Bay, W. Marshall, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 10
12 00-0 Ramboro Again, P. Haslam, 8-11 .... B. Jago 15
13 00- Saucy Sergeant, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... W. Swinburn 3 14
14 04- Teamwork, G. Harwood, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 8
17 003000- Allied Oldham, G. Blum, 8-8 .... G. Duffield 4
18 0000- Handy Saint, W. Musson, 8-8 .... D. McKay 5
20 400000- Mansios Gold, W. Marshall, 8-8 .... R. Marshall 4
21 000- Melfio Miss, K. Ivory, 8-8 .... K. Leason 9

15-8 Teamwork, 3-1 Lindy Bay, 9-2 Blues, 6-1 Benny Lynch, 8-1 Alpine Rocket, 10-1 Saucy Sergeant, 12-1 Ramboro Again, 20-1 others.

5.15 SIMON DE MONTFORT STAKES (Div II : 3-y-o maidens : £1,033 : 1¼m)

2 0- Another Generation, G. Harwood, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 1
7 030003- Hirstute, P. Asquith, 9-0 .... C. Dwyer 9
11 003- Marechal, S. Woodman, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 5
13 2043- Pulham Venture, D. Weedon, 9-0 .... W. Carson 10
17 02- Safe Seal, J. Hudson, 9-0 .... P. Hudson 6
18 00- Simsite, I. Bethell, 9-0 .... P. Eddery 8
20 0- Victoria Station, M. Jarvis, 9-0 .... P. Young 3
22 Babbinswood, R. Stubbs, 8-11 .... J. Skilling 7
25 0000- Debbie's Girl (B), W. Turner, 8-11 .... P. Perkins 11
27 020- Jane Austen, I. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Matthias 3
29 0000- Martins Boy, M. Haynes, 8-11 .... C. Ramshaw 10
30 003000- Pomposity, J. Hardy, 8-11 .... P. Cook 4

5-2 Another Generation, 100-30 Marechal, 9-2 Safe Seal, 6-1 Pulham Venture, 8-1 Victoria Station, 10-1 Jane Austen, 12-1 Hirstute, 20-1 others.

Plumpton NH programme

2.15 BARCOMBE CHASE (Novices : £912 : 2m)

1 30f221 Socks (D), J. Gifford, 7-12-1 ....
3 000f00 Aureum, A. Moore, 6-11-8 ....
4 00-20pp Chameleon, Mrs J. Crow, 9-11-8 ....
7 3000 King Orry, W. Charles, 10-11-8 .... M.
10 0 Major Rola, S. Harris, 10-11-8 ....
13 0p Red Rajah, S. Munro-Wilson, 10-11-8 .. Mr S. Munro
16 0400pr Strong Hand, A. Ingham, 6-11-8 ....
17 03p0p2 Wool Merchant, T. M. Jones, 7-11-8 .... R.
20 04-0fuf Bold And Wild, W. Stephenson, 6-11-0 ....
22 0000-p Keepers Heyday, J. Panvert, 6-11-0 .... M.

4-6 Socks, 4-1 Wool Merchant, 8-1 Chameleon, 10-1 Aureum, 14-1 20-1 others.

2.45 UCKFIELD HURDLE (Selling : £565 : 2m)

201 242000 Cutler, A. Moore, 6-11-8 ....
203 000413 Double-Header (D), D. Jermy, 6-11-8 .... R.
204 000302 Good Intent (CD), D. Grissell, 6-11-8 ....
205 1-00300 Great Expectations (CD), Pat Mitchell, 5-11-8 T. Mi
206 00040 Guernavantura, A. Neaves, 5-11-8 ....
208 00-00 Lydias Owe, D. Browning, 6-11-8 ....
210 up0000 Mount Tolde (D), R. York, 6-11-8 .... Mr
211 f-p0 Partnerplan, Pat Mitchell, 6-11-8 ....
212 00100 Princely Guy (D), A. Pitt, 5-11-8 ....
213 000000 Speed of Light (D), G. Balding, 5-11-8 ....
214 pp00 Sterling Gift, W. Marshall, 5-11-8 .... D.
215 0000 Hanovia Light, J. Jenkins, 4-10-9 ....
218 400000 Lorenzan, J. Bridger, 4-10-9 .... Mr A.
220 Milord Jimmy Brown, J. Duffy, 4-10-9 ....
221 Misty Nimbus, D. Mills, 4-10-9 .... R.
222 f00 Our Denise, J. O'Donoghue, 4-10-9 ....
225 02f000 Singh Sprite, J. Jenkins, 4-10-9 .... B.

11-4 Good Intent, 100-30 Double-Header, 4-1 Princely Guy, 11-2 Light, 8-1 Cutler, 10-1 Great Expectations, 14-1 others.

3.15 IAIN BUCHANAN CHASE (Handicap : £1,640 : 3m

302 222400 Palaestrina, T. Dudgeon, 7-11-8 ....
306 342223 Physicist (C), J. Gifford, 8-11-8 .... G.
307 0f3-141 Abo (C), A. Moore, 8-10-13 ....
309 003003 Roi Rig, J. Bridger, 7-10-6 .... Mrs D.
311 411f00 Tudor Mystery (CD), E. Beeson, 10-10-0 .... R. G
312 4f00s0 Landing Party, R. Ledger, 8-10-0 .... Mrs N.

2-1 Abo, 11-4 Physicist, 7-2 Palaestrina, 10-1 Roi Rig, 12-1 Tudor 16-1 Landing Party.

3.45 E. COOMES HURDLE (Handicap : £2,695 : 2½m)

405 f40301 Upton Bishop, Mrs N. Smith, 6-11-3 ....
406 11320 Mallard Song (C), J. Gifford, 6-11-3 ....
407 21124f Multiply, Mrs J. Pitman, 5-11-1 ....
408 3-p1001 Cambooya, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-1 ....
411 42400u Steel Flight, G. Balding, 7-10-11 ....
412 Royal Coachman (C), Miss A. Sinclair, 6-10-11 ....
413 002004 Hot Tramp (C), J. Bridger, 6-10-8 .... Mrs D.
414 000- Harvest Bounty, R. Clements, 7-10-6 ....
419 0- Hill Station (C), M. Bolton, 8-10-0 .... R. G

3-1 Royal Coachman, 4-1 Upton Bishop, 9-2 Multiply, 6-1 Cambooya Tramp, 10-1 Steel Flight, 12-1 Mallard Song, 20-1 others.

4.15 BOLNEY CHASE (Handicap : amateur riders : £1,236 :

501 4344p4 Major Owen (D), N. Henderson, 11-12-0 .... M
502 afp001 Catoctin Creek, M. Kelly, 8-11-6 .... Mr M.
503 0-3f220 Cantastar (D), Miss A. Sinclair, 10-11-5 Mr T. Thoms
504 22100p Pill Box, Mrs M. Easton, 9-11-3 .... Mr J.
506 0-r3f04 Double Action, Pat Mitchell, 9-11-1 .... Mr N.
507 0d00pr Soul Music (CD), J. Bridger, 10-10-12 .. Mr A.
510 3f0fp0 Johnny Tarquin, R. Ledger, 7-10-7 .... Mrs N.
512 3-pf0p1 Carle's Imp (C), D. Grissell, 6-10-7 ....
513 Pipilnchris, J. Panvert, 10-10-7 .... Mr C.
514 pupp- Red Buck, Pat Botter, 9-10-7 ....

7-2 Catoctin Creek, 4-1 Major Owen, 5-1 Carle's Imp, 6-1 Canta Double Action, 10-1 Pill Box, 16-1 others.

4.45 SOUTHOVER HURDLE (Novices : £661 : 3m)

601 004201 Miss Horatio (D), R. Hartop, 7-11-12 .... Mr
603 320300 Shane Hill, J. Gifford, 7-11-12 .... Mr O.
604 1323f Stoic Yarn, F. Winter, 7-11-12 ....
606 1000p Cornelius Kelly, A. Moore, 5-11-10 .... Mr A.
607 0001 Hatchmore, M. Madgwick, 5-11-10 ....
610 00 Craggon, J. Jenkins, 8-11-5 ....
612 ppufrp Daybook, Mrs R. Murdoch, 8-11-5 .... Mr P.
613 00 Dresden Belle, R. Head, 6-11-5 ....
616 00 Japslik, B. Wise, 7-11-5 ....
618 0 March Burn, J. Jenkins, 7-11-5 ....
620 0p004 Migrateur, W. Marshall, 8-11-5 ....
621 40-0 Triango, J. Gifford, 7-11-5 ....
624 0003 Chevertons Bid, N. Henderson, 5-11-3 .... S. Smit
626 00 Eliza's Toddy, J. Elliott, 5-11-3 .... Mr L.
627 000 Prince Pirate, C. White, 5-11-3 ....
630 002 Emily Kent, C. Read, 4-10-4 ....
631 000 Middle-Model, R. Smyth, 4-10-4 ....
633 000 Polly Major, M. Bolton, 4-10-4 .... R.

9-4 Miss Horatio, 7-2 Stoic Yarn, 5-1 Emily Kent, 6-1 Shane Hill Chevertons Bid, 14-1 Dresden Belle, 16-1 Triango, Cornelius Kelly, 20-1 o

Plumpton selections

2.15 Socks. 2.45 Good Intent. 3.15 Abo. 3.45 Royal Coachman Major Owen. 4.45 Miss Horatio.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Lambs At Eight. 2.45 No No Holdings. 3.15 Killer Shark Credit Centre. 4.15 Baron Blakeney. 4.45 Teamwork. 5.15 A Generation.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.15 Miss Murton. 2.45 Red Jay. 3.15 Ringgit. 3.45 Credit C 4.15 Baron Blakeney. 4.45 Lindy Bay. 5.15 Pulham Venture.

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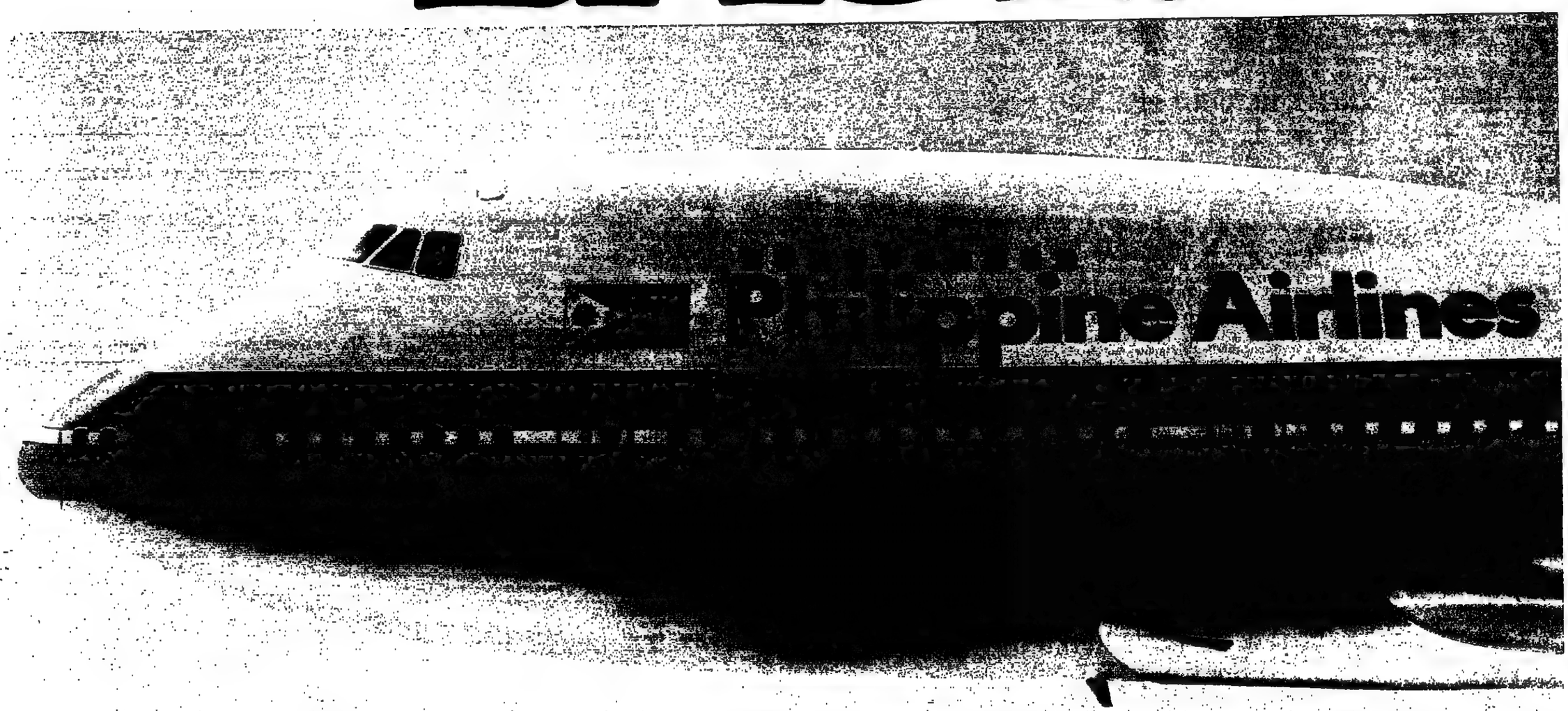

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Geraldine Norman on the controversial first catalogue of a great English painter's works

The courage an expert needs to name the real Constables

John Constable is one of the most English of English painters, and one of the greatest. While his work has been avidly studied and written about by art scholars in the 143 years since his death, it was only last year that the first *complete oeuvre* catalogue was published.

This glaring omission was made good by a Belgian art historian, Robert Hoozee, of the Ghent Museum of Fine Arts his book has been commissioned by the Italian publishers Rizzoli and is in Italian, titled *L'opera completa di Constable*. Hoozee, who is 31, has been working on Constable since 1969; his doctoral thesis on Constable, which was presented in 1973, won an award from the Belgian Royal Academy of Science, Literature and Fine Art and is to be published by them. Continental Europe has definitely beaten Britain to the post.

An *oeuvre* catalogue is a daunting undertaking at the best of times: the author must track down and assess every known painting attributed to the artist. In the case of John Constable it is a nightmare—hence, presumably, the lack of a catalogue up to now. (Another definitive catalogue by Charles Rhyn and Graham Reynolds is expected from Yale in a year or two.)

Not only has Constable been more extensively faked than almost any other artist, but he had several friends and assistants whose work is easily muddled with his—Dunthorne Senior and Junior, Frost, George Harrison, for instance—and at least five of his seven children also drew and painted. Two in particular of the children, Lionel and Alfred, are known to have painted and exhibited landscapes close to their father in style.

With an *oeuvre* catalogue you cannot dodge the problems: every painting must be considered and slotted in. Mr Hoozee has settled for four categories: genuine works by John Constable, works attributable to the children, other works whose attribution to Constable he doubts and works previously attributed to Constable but rejected by him as fakes or imitations.

Even so, the categories have proved too limiting a straitjacket. There are works that appear in the genuine section with a question mark to indicate that he is not quite certain they should be there, and others to which long footnotes are appended indicating that they might well belong elsewhere.

Mr Hoozee has told me with a hint of desperation in his voice: "I could have done with 12 or 14 categories." He is also uncomfortably aware of how daring he has been in rejecting the attributions—John Constable of paintings in famous museums and collections—for which he can expect to suffer the ire of curators. He admits that on some works his courage failed him: he left them in the genuine section with question marks or questioning footnotes.

He has indeed been brave with his changes of attribution.

A View of Arundel now reattributed to Lionel Constable. It has been up for sale several times as the work of John Constable, selling for £1,200 in 1968, £600 in 1971 and £600 again in 1976.

One of the treasured possessions of the National Gallery in Washington, hitherto considered a full scale oil study for *The White Horse*, he dismisses as "most probably an imitation"; though other Constable scholars agree with him, he is the first who has dared to put it in print.

Mr Hoozee has even questioned the attribution of paintings included in the vast gift of her father's work made by Isobel Constable to the Victoria and Albert Museum. These works have generally been considered unshakably by John Constable: his daughter could not have got it wrong. But families do get muddled, and she was very old when the gift was made.

Plants growing by a wall in the Victoria and Albert has been placed in the complete reject section—not even among the doubtfuls. "That was very brave", another Constable scholar commented to me, "but I'm sure he's right". The little oil is inscribed on the back "*Minna Ju 27th 47*", and Mr Hoozee suggests that it may be by Constable's daughter Minna—painted in "Ju" 1847 perhaps.

It is with his suggested attributions to the children that Mr Hoozee has broken the most controversial new ground. The fact that many of Lionel's and Alfred's paintings have been masquerading under attributions to their father was first revealed in print by the Constable scholars Mr Leslie Parris and Mr Ian Fleming-Williams in September 1978. Mr Hoozee's book had already gone to press at the time their article appeared in the *Burlington Magazine* but he had discussed the matetr with them.

His book follows in the main their attributions to the children, but includes many more paintings than were mentioned in the 1978 article—some were left out because they belonged to private owners, others because the attribution was still tentative.

The section entitled *I figli di Constable* (Constable's children) includes 37 landscape sketches, all of which Mr Hoozee contends have stylistic similarities with known works by Lionel Constable. The fact that the "children's" section contains only works attributed with greater or lesser certainty to Lionel underlines the inadequate present state of knowledge of the children's work.

Mr Fleming-Williams admits to the suspicion that some day a firm clue to Alfred's style may be found which will cause paintings now being attributed to Lionel to be handed to Alfred instead. "We know he was a very good draughtsman," he comments. But the only two paintings which can be attributed with certainty to Alfred give little indication of his individual style.

In a last moment amendment to his text (following the *Burlington Magazine* article), Mr Hoozee adds a third attribution, a view of *The Abbey of St Mary*, last seen in a Paris auction in 1949; he had previously put it in his reject section, but now saves it with a footnote.

Of the 37 landscapes attributed to Lionel, nine were attributed on the basis of fairly conclusive evidence by Mr Parris and Mr Fleming-Williams; the others have been added on stylistic grounds. The original authors agree in the main; they are unconvinced by four or five; the three landscapes now on anonymous loan to Birmingham City Gallery, for instance, a *Bridge* still in the Constable family collection and a sketch of an old mill.

Confirmation has turned up in the family records for the attribution of one particular view to Lionel. And since at least four versions are known, this adds up to four pictures. It is called merely *Extensive landscape* and is a low rolling view with a vast expanse of sky—the same view but different sky in each version. He must have loved this particular vantage point. All the versions are in private hands; one was sold at Sotherby's in July 1976 for £3,000 and another in April 1955.

The whole group of tree studies are taken from John and given to Lionel, including a wooded landscape which is on loan to the Kunstmuseum in Basle from Paul Steiner, and a *Tree study* in the Yale Centre for British Art.

The flat, unarticulated treatment of trees is taken to be a characteristic of Lionel. It is found again in *Trees and Stormclouds* at Yale, *Landscape with a wooded* valley in the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, and *Hampstead with Harrow in the Distance* in the Ashmolean, Oxford. The pinkish-mauve tints, to be found in the sky of the latter painting, are also considered a Lionel hallmark.

Mr Leslie Parris, who is deputy keeper of the British collection at the Tate, is still in two minds about the attribution to Lionel of the two Tate pictures *Leathes Water* and *Dedham Vale*. He agrees in doubting that either is by John and thinks that there is a better case for giving *Leathes Water* to Lionel than the other.

But it needs to be seen in the context of other Lake District oil sketches, he says; Mr Hoozee has placed another three Lake District views in the genuine section, but each with a question mark beside it. "We know the speed at which Constable travelled—on foot—around the Lake District making drawings and watercolours", comments Mr Parris. "There is no proof that he made any oil landscape sketches at the time—he would have had to carry them with the paint still wet. But then we don't know if Lionel ever visited the Lake District either."

The largest group of sketches where Mr Hoozee suggests the possibility of an attribution to Lionel or Alfred is among the sky studies. He suggests that a group of 25 small sky studies could be the work of one or other, voicing the view that they are not good enough to be by John Constable himself. Most of these were in the Newson-Smith sale at Christie's in 1951; Mr and Mrs Paul Mellon acquired a large number, now at Yale, the Fitzwilliam Cambridge have three and the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester has recently acquired one—Agnew's paid £2,000 for it at Christie's in 1970.

The Newson-Smith collection of Constables was bought through Leggatt's in the 1890s from Ella Mackinnon, John Constable's granddaughter. It is thus fairly certain that the cloud studies came from the Constable family. In a long footnote to the one such study that Mr Hoozee has included in his "genuine" section, he suggests that the Newson-Smith collection contained around 40 spurious cloud studies.

He points out that the documentary references in Constable's correspondence and his friend Charles Leslie's writings all connect up with largish, fairly finished cloud studies; most of them have inscriptions on the back in Constable's hand. He suggests that none of the small sketchy studies is by John Constable. He notes that a small cloud study included in Isobel Constable's gift to the Victoria and Albert Museum would have to be rejected as well in this case.

Where paintings that definitely belonged to the family are doubted, the sons are clearly good contenders for authorship—though it is always possible that works by friends or assistants crept into the family possession as well.

Alfred's letters speak of him at work on "clouding" and in one he exhorts his brother Lionel: ". . . if you see a piece of fine sky take the shape of the clouds and remember the colours." Or again: "Dear Lar I must tell you that the pencilling of the mill you sent me is very beautiful you seem to have quite the power of the pencil the sky is so beautiful how well it will paint do make a sketch of it a grand sky will greatly help you." Alfred apparently had no taste for punctuation.

Saleroom Correspondent

Peter Mayer: a reputation for dynamism.

Willing to take a gamble at Penguin

To introduce change to a firm which is as much of a British institution as Penguin Books is not easy at the best of times. It is devilishly difficult when sales and profits are being hit—as throughout British publishing—by the strength of the pound combined with stiffening American competition; by cuts in public spending in the library and educational sectors; and, as in all forms of business, by inflation and crippling interest rates.

"One would rather have come at a more propitious time", comments Mr Peter Mayer, who took over as *Penguin's chief executive* on November 1, 1978, after a long period of disputes in the firm's higher rungs. Perhaps it did not help either that Mr Mayer was youngish (now 43), American, and had a reputation for dynamism, attributes not universally admired in Britain. "But one is here", he adds, "and one *is going to prevail*".

He is a tallish, rather good-looking New Yorker of German and Luxembourg origins, with that openness found in so many Americans. One of his chief difficulties at Penguin is that his longer term reforms require time before they can show results. Meanwhile, he and his colleagues have, like a number of other publishers, had to take short term measures to counteract the worsening economic climate.

These include the proposed shedding of 38 staff, and a 22 per cent reduction in new titles: those with low initial sales, and those unlikely to merit re-printing. These cuts are being strongly contested by the staff, who accuse Mr Mayer *inter alia* of naiveté in not having foreseen high interest rates, and of going too far "down market" in his search for sales.

But nobody denies that Penguin was in trouble before Mr Mayer was hired. Looking at the books, so to speak, he found several underlying sources of weakness.

Penguin still had 25 per cent of the British paperback market, and some 4,000 titles in print, more than double its nearest paperback competitor. Analysis of past sales showed that in Penguin's post-war heyday, around 75 per cent of published titles justified reprinting and became part of the backlist. This proportion had gradually fallen to 33 per cent.

Since backlists are eroded, by changes in taste and so on, unless replenished, that was an alarming trend. A prime aim must therefore be to reduce the proportion of titles that failed to make the backlist. A complicating factor here was the vastly increased cost of buying paperback rights.

Even while I was talking to Mr Mayer, a senior editorial colleague, Mr Peter Carson, came in to report on a bid to secure the paperback rights of Sir Laurence Olivier's autobiography, being written with Mark Amory. Mr Carson said he had told Olivier's hardback publishers, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, that £40,000 would be their best offer. Since the response had been "How embarrassing", it had clearly been matched by another firm. "Play around with other parts of the contract", Mr Mayer urged, deciding that £40,000 must remain the ceiling. In the event the rights went to Coronet Books, part of Hodder & Stoughton, for slightly more.

Mr Mayer also came to feel that Penguin was in some ways a sleeping giant, or "under-marketed". To illustr he told me that before they had never sold m 70,000 copies of a Greene novel in any o One of his reactions wa the cover of Greene's *Human Factor*, red four colours instead with much more contra graphics. "Even bef movie came, we we 200,000, and we hope 300,000", he said.

With M. M. Kaye's *Pavilions*, they gamble selling it in a larger fo £2.50. With a lot of a marketing, net sales in six months exceeded worldwide.

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The four choices facing the Tories

During a Commons debate on child benefits last Tuesday I listened to a speech by a Tory MP which could easily have been made from the Opposition benches. Some Tory MPs obviously believed what their election manifesto had promised, and at the end of the debate a few of them voted with Labour, while others abstained.

It is rare for new MPs—and most of the "wets" or "*pinkos*" as they are called by the Tory hardliners are new—to reveal their hand so early in Parliament. Yet they have, and by doing so have spotlighted the mess the Government is in.

This is revealed by little obvious mistakes such as the bad drafting of the Government's motion on the Olympic Games, rather than by the bigger issues which underline it. For example, inflation running at 19.1 per cent, unemployment high and ever rising, the balance of payments in the red and the forecasts that things will get worse; Mrs Thatcher saying as much in the Tory political broadcast on the eve of the Southend by-election.

Backbench Tory MPs, left and right, are becoming increasingly restless. After the debate on the Olympics a number of them, including Mr Edward Heath, abstained on the Tory motion and some exceedingly harsh things were said about the Government, especially by hardliners.

The Rhodesian settlement can be chalked up as a relative success, but on that the right-wingers consider that they have been betrayed. The EEC summit presents the next hurdle for the Government, and if a real reduction in the amount Britain pays into the EEC Budget is not secured, and if the Common Agricultural Policy is not radically reformed, then the internal party pressures on the Government will grow.

Whatever the Budget contains on Wednesday, the Government is not going to satisfy many of its backbenchers. The "Wets and Pinkos" will react strongly if further real cuts are made in public expenditure, especially if affecting social security benefits, while the hard-line right will complain if the cuts are not severe enough. Either way, there is bound to be discontent.

Despite the rumblings in the ranks, Mrs Thatcher is still in control of the Government, but that is not necessarily going to be so in the future. The Tories are far more ruthless than Labour when dealing with leaders and individuals. In the Tory Party, if you don't win, you go, and as Mrs Thatcher's policies increasingly run into trouble, and the party faithful begin to switch allegiance as they did at Southend, then the political "assassination" squad will go into action and the deed will be done, no doubt in a polite and civilized way, but done all the same.

The Tories are faced with four choices. They can soldier on with the present Thatcherite policies and hope against hope that things will turn out all right, or they can force the Government to carry out some major U-turns, as Mr Heath did after 18 months in office.

They could panic and go early to the country, or they could force Mrs Thatcher to resign and elect or find a new leader. This last suggestion may appear fanciful and at the moment it can rightly be argued that it is premature, yet it may come to that sooner than one thinks.

The Government still has serious battles to face. Up to now, there have only been preliminary skirmishes with the unions, but it is clear that Mrs Thatcher is preparing for a deeper and more serious confrontation. The proposal which may well be included in the Budget that in future strikers will have been "deemed" to be getting money from the unions, even if they are not, and that the amount "deemed" will be deducted from social security benefit for the striker's wife and children, is not merely mean, it is downright vicious.

As Mr Prior, the "wet hawk", suggested at a recent House of Commons Press Gallery lunch, there is more than one way of killing a cat.

Perhaps the Government hopes that in a climate of rising unemployment, lay-offs and factory closures, the unions will back off from a fight. Certainly, unemployment is a real weakener, but that in itself will not stop the workers from fighting back. At the moment, their response may appear ragged and their support for their leaders only half-hearted and tepid, as in the South Wales coalfield recently, but as the harshness of Government policies gets across to them their response will grow and real anger will develop. At that point, it will be difficult, if not impossible for the leaders to hold back the rank and file.

I do not think that Mrs Thatcher really understands the resentment that is building up among trade unionists, a resentment which will turn to hatred if the Employment Bill becomes law and if the social security benefits are frozen at their present levels, and especially if strikers' families are deprived of financial aid.

The subservient British worker is a thing of the past. Over the years he has gained self-confidence, and this will show itself increasingly in varying forms of political action.

It will be fascinating to observe the struggle in the Tory Party as it unfolds in the months to come. One can only hope that the British people do not suffer too much while the "hawks" continue to control the destiny of the nation.

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DIARY OF A NASTY ACCIDENT

One of the T-shirts in Joyce Yinger's garden supply and souvenir shop near Middleton, Pennsylvania, bears the slogan: "Squeeze me, I radiate. Kiss me. I melt down." Another declares: "Happiness is a cool reactor."

You will have guessed that the shop is not far—only a few hundred yards—from the nuclear power station at Three Mile Island, which has been out of action since a terrifying accident a year ago. During those 11 tense days it may have come perilously close—just how close remains uncertain—to melting its fuel core and spreading poisonous radiation across the surrounding countryside.

Mrs Yinger began selling souvenirs of the near-disaster in June to visitors who flocked to stare at the crippled power station; their bizarre pilgrimage inspired by the puzzling principle that anything famous must for that very reason be interesting.

It is clearly a lucrative business. Even the gift shop at Harrisburg airport nearby has a line of money boxes labelled "canned radiation", as well as note pads and calendars adorned with pictures of the notorious cooling towers.

The humour in most of these offerings borders on the desperate, a kind of subsumed hysteria which reveals something about the mood of the surrounding communities in the wake of the accident. There is tension, edginess, a brittle calm which barely cloaks nervousness about hazards yet to come as efforts continue to clear the power station of radioactive substances. For a year, people have scarcely talked about anything else.

"The accident at Three Mile Island did not end with cold shutdown, nor will it end for some time", said the presidential commission which investigated it. It would continue they maintained, until the clean-up was completed.

The residents, even if they wanted to forget it, are not being allowed to. Hordes of official and unofficial visitors still pour into the area to investigate, report or simply stare.

The first anniversary of the accident, which will be celebrated by an anti-nuclear demonstration on Thursday, has brought scores of reporters gathering material for articles such as the one you are now reading. Two men from the *Minneapolis Star* were in Mrs Yinger's shop when I arrived. Her visitors' book revealed traces of reporters from *Time* and *People* magazines, the London *Daily Mirror* and others.

Nearly 50,000 people attended the plant's visitors' centre, just up the road from her shop, in the last six months of 1979 compared with about 10,000 in the whole year before the accident. Some combined it with a visit to Hershey, a chocolate factory and amusement park a dozen miles away, making a nicely rounded day's outing for the family.

On fine days, tourists can eat from red picnic tables thoughtfully provided by the power company, staring as they do so at the cooling towers and reactor casing across the thin stretch of the Susquehanna river: a good background for family snapshots.

Inside the visitors' centre, a 20-minute film explains how the accident happened. If there was a single cause it was a valve which stuck in the open position after opening to relieve pressure on the nuclear reactor's cooling system.

Operators in the control room did not know the valve was stuck and that cooling water was therefore escaping. When emergency pumps automatically switched themselves on to provide more cooling water, the operators switched them off.

The reactor overheated and the core became damaged. Radioactive water from the open valve flooded the basement of the building housing the reactor and the auxiliary building next door.

After nearly two hours, somebody noticed the stuck valve and closed it. Had it stayed open for another 30 or 60 minutes, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's report, the core would have melted, releasing huge quantities of radioactivity.

The polluted debris of the accident remains trapped in the power station. Just how it should be disposed of is the subject of a fierce local debate.

The power company, Metropolitan Edison, want to release 44,000 curies of krypton gas into the atmosphere over a period of 60 days and are awaiting approval from the NRC. They claim that the most radiation anybody could pick up from it would be one tenth of a millirem. People pick up about 100 millirems of radiation a year from natural sources such as sunshine and 26 millirems from one chest X-ray.

All the same the proposal has provoked unease in Middletown and nearby communities, as a look at the local press demonstrates. The *Middletown Press and Journal* prints critical letters nearly every week.

"We have a new modern version of dictatorship, aggression and human atrocities", read one. "The corporate officials of Three Mile Island are dictating the venting of voluminous radioactive poisonous gases over a period of 60 days or more which is against the thinking and will of the vast majority of people in this area."

Resident are particularly worried about the effect on young children. This month, when a small quantity of the gas was released, one school would not let pupils go outdoors to play.

Last week, at a meeting with NRC officials, residents protested angrily at the plan for the new gas releases. "We hate your guts", one woman shouted at a biologist.

Another said: "Take the message home to Washington—there shall be no peace in Middletown". And another: "We will never forgive or forget what you have put us through. You are no more worthy than a hunk of cow manure".

A letter in the *Harrisburg Evening News* put it in a more measured way: "The NRC should force Met Ed to clean up the krypton gas by one of the several safe but more expensive methods. The health and safety of our children ought to be placed ahead of Met Ed's profits".

Mr David Klucsik, a public information officer for Metropolitan Edison, maintains that this is the safest way of releasing the gas, which must be done before the rest of the clean-up can begin. Any alternative method would involve transferring it to a separate container, which would beg the question of ultimate disposal and could be risky, because untested.

Until the Krypton is removed, Mr Klucsik said, no maintenance can be carried out on the ventilation system which keeps conditions stable inside the damaged containment building. It has already run for a year without maintenance—longer than it is designed for—and if it were to fail then a fresh accident could ensue.

Some of the residents I spoke to accepted that argument but others shared the unease. When that question is settled, there comes the potentially more difficult one of disposing of the contaminated cooling water. Only then can engineers look at the core itself to see how badly damaged it is.

Few of the people I interviewed were happy about the prospect of the plant resuming nuclear operations. Some hope it will be changed to be fuelled by coal, a proposal which the company is investigating.

Some doubt that it will reopen in any form. Last week Dr Robert Parente, an engineering consultant, told the Pennsylvania Publicity Utility Commission that because of the high cost of the clean-up and repairs "the most likely outcome is for it never to be returned to service".

One effect of the accident has been to harm the nuclear power industry. No new orders for nuclear power stations have been placed in the past year and the NRC is being cautious about granting operating licences for those nearing completion.

Locally, the impact has been psychological rather than practical. Mr Paul Thompson, an estate agent, told me that property prices had not dropped as many feared they would, and that any difficulty in disposing of houses was due to the nationwide effect of high interest rates rather than to uncertainty about moving into the area.

Mr George Boyer, who is 74, is selling his general store about a mile from the pow but moving to a r house only a mile away. He is one of t wants to see the plant again.

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or treating child benefits differently from other social benefits is that they have taken the place of the old child tax allowances, which were designed not as a social service but to provide equity at any income level for families as compared with the childless taxpayer. These allowances were of particular advantage for those with middle and upper incomes. If the value of child benefits is allowed to dwindle away in real terms they will not be an adequate substitute for the old allowances, which will mean that a new inequity will arise at all income levels between taxpayers with and without children.

This is not an argument for keeping child benefits in line with the movement of prices under all circumstances. The capacity to do that must depend upon economic conditions. But it follows that child benefits should be treated on the same basis as the remaining tax allowances; and if they are not all uprated to the same extent, which may well be the case, then child benefits should be put in whatever is the top category. No tax allowance should have a greater claim on a Government that is supposed to be giving priority to its family policy.

There can be no logical case for putting other social benefits on the same footing as tax allowances. The case for them is that it is the mark of a civilized society to do the best it can for those members who are in particular need, from whatever cause. If the state of the economy permits it, there is no reason why these benefits should not be uprated by more than the increase in prices—as indeed was the custom for quite a number of years. When a society is prospering it is right that the unfortunate should have a share in the greater prosperity. But when prosperity is declining it is unrealistic to insist that only those receiving social benefits should be sure of maintaining their living standards.

It will not be unreasonable, therefore, if the Government decide to uprate some benefits by less than the increase in prices. The distinction they clearly intend to draw is between short-term and other benefits. This is justifiable on social considerations as well as on grounds of political expediency. Economies have got to be found from somewhere and it is better that they should be sought from those in a category of temporary need—while appreciating that many of the individuals receiving what is supposed to be short-term assistance today will be getting another form of benefit tomorrow.

The same reasoning might be thought to justify getting rid of the earnings-related supplement which is added for up to six months to the flat-rate unemployment benefit. But that is not so. It would justify a decision not to uprate this supplement in line with inflation. But it would be a mistake to change the long-term structure of a scheme in order to meet an immediate economic necessity. The question is whether this is the right long-term structure. There were two arguments for introducing this earnings-related supplement. One was a consideration of social equity: that it was undesirable for a person to suffer a catastrophic drop in income the moment he lost his job—catastrophic because of the commitments he would have undertaken. The second reason was to reduce the fear of a short spell out of work, and thereby encourage the mobility of labour. These two considerations still apply. The right principle for the Government to follow at this stage is to get the economies they need by refusing to uprate short-term benefits by as much as they would otherwise have done, not by indulging in a bit of structural tinkering.

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The Americans wanted an increase in Mexican oil production because they see Mexico as a secure source of supply. They already take the greater part of Mexican exports. But the Mexicans now feel better equipped than ever before to stand up to pressures from their large neighbour; and they have decided that a big increase in production would simply cause them difficulties because, not being able to absorb the added revenue, they would suffer from inflation and an overvalued peso.

The basic Mexican need is not just economic development, but development which will help the millions of Mexicans who live in conditions of extreme poverty. The discovery of vast oil reserves provides an opportunity to do something about this situation, if industrialization and food production can be effectively stimulated. Other countries—such as Venezuela with its much smaller population—have found that it is not easy, and the Mexicans hope to avoid their mistakes by being less ambitious. So it is understandable that they have decided to hold back oil production, as indeed some of the Gulf states are doing. But the decision to remain outside the Gatt, and the missed opportunity to modernize Mexican industry, could hold back development.

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Mrs Thatcher herself has ensured that politically there is no escape route for the Government if the summit meeting fails to produce the full loaf of Community receipts to balance Community payments during the budget year 1980-81. There will be a domestic political collision or a Community collision—either or both head on. She raised the question first at the Strasbourg summit last June. She aggressively built up the united case for the Dublin summit last November and resorted to diplomacy only when she failed to get her way. Now, she has abandoned diplomacy again for television and has returned to aggression for the Brussels summit. The United Kingdom, she threateningly says, cannot be expelled from the Community, so it will consider withholding payments or bloody minded blocking tactics until justice is done. And Brussels now promises now more than Dublin offered.

Probably to the benefit of domestic political realism, Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister has done more to kill off the European idea and the European ideal in Britain than all the anti-Community forces rolled into one. She pays lip service to Europeanism because as the leader of the party that took the United Kingdom in she cannot do otherwise without bathos. But, in essence, she must be saying that an industrial country like the United Kingdom, with its history of cheap food imports and relatively high-priced manufactured exports, cannot fit in to the Community regime that it spent 12 years trying to join. Like Harold Wilson and his men, she demands re-negotiated terms of membership.

Who need question that electors, including deeply committed Europeanists of yesteryear, side with her? Her anti-Community stand has made hers the Gaullist voice of the national interest against the outside world; almost the voice of every true patriot. It is almost becoming part and parcel of her anti-Sovietism, which won her the title of the "Iron Lady". Mrs Thatcher is profoundly English, and she will never stop seeing the Community and the world in English terms. In that she will exactly reflect the broad all-party feeling in the country she now leads.

Yet the question must be asked whether by carrying her argument to a political and diplomatic extreme, with resort to ultimatum, threat, and impossible deadlines, she does not risk throwing away one of the great boons a United Kingdom government now possesses. There is a deep-seated change taking place in Community attitudes towards the Common Agricultural Policy's domination of the budget. The Commission is broadly on Mrs Thatcher's side. The directly elected parliament, which rejected the Council of Ministers' 1980 budget, is broadly on her side. Spokesmen for European industrial workers and consumers increasingly move to her side.

Nobody has made that clearer than Mr Christopher Tugendhat, budget Commissioner, in a Hamburg speech earlier this month. Mr Tugendhat, privately considers it the best speech he has made, and he is right. Assuredly he showed the way to the budgetary revolution, or evolution, that is now in prospect, and himself proposed that cash limits over Cap spending should be established by at last rationally synchronizing the Community budget with farm price decisions of the Council of Agricultural Ministers.

Yet fundamental change must take more time than Mrs Thatcher has ever suggested she will allow. Take one example. Last December the European parliament was almost united in throwing out the 1980 budget in the hope of containing farm subsidies and finding scope for expenditure on (say) social and regional policies. This week in Strasbourg two main committees (agriculture and budget) are going to be split about increases in spending; and Mrs Thatcher carries much responsibility for throwing the European farming lobby onto the defensive.

Mrs Thatcher has an unanswerable case, even in the terms of the EEC's own rather metaphysical theory of economic convergence. Nevertheless, to demand the whole loaf for delivery at the door tomorrow will be to invite rebuff and frighten off friends in need who are friends indeed. It is simply an unachievable objective.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tory voting in Europe

From Mr David Curry, MEP for North-East Essex (Conservative)

Sir, May I put the record straight about the voting behaviour of the British conservative members of the European Parliament's agriculture committee during the debate on the farm price proposals earlier this week.

The amendment to recommend an average 7.9 per cent increase in farm prices was tabled by the Danish Conservative Member, Mr Kent Kirk, who is a member of our group in the European Parliament. Mr Robert Battersby (Humberside), Mr James Provan (North-East Scotland) and myself voted against that amendment and in favour of our own amendment for a freeze on products in surplus. Mr Paul Howell (Norfolk) voted for the 7.9 per cent increase. Sir Henry Plumb (Cotswolds) was in the chair and did not vote.

Those of us who voted in favour of the freeze did so fully aware of the crisis facing British agriculture because of the very sharp increases in its costs; the burden of high bank borrowing charges; and its dependence on energy. We were also aware that the closure of the "green pound" gap has deprived our own Government of a means of increasing British farm incomes without raising the general EEC price level.

However, we believed that the reasons to support a freeze were overriding:

(i) The dominant issue in the EEC at the moment is the United Kingdom budget problem. Every 1 per cent on the level of EEC farm prices adds £20m to the United Kingdom gross budget contribution. We did not see how we could justify voting to increase the United Kingdom budgetary contribution in the run-up to a vital summit meeting at which Britain's budgetary contribution will be top of the agenda.

(ii) We had no confidence that the Council of Ministers would endorse the radical Commission proposals to limit guaranteed prices in the dairy sector, hence permitting a price increase without the threat of expanded surpluses.

(iii) The Parliament itself voted last year to reject the proposed 1980 budget because the volume of agricultural spending was so high a proportion of the whole that it effectively strangled any other common policy at birth without, in many cases, doing the job of sustaining farm livelihoods efficiently and economically. We felt that the Parliament had to face up to the responsibility of its own rejection vote if it was to stake its claim for a responsible share in EEC policy-making. Otherwise it would quite rightly be dismissed as concerned primarily with massaging its own ego.

(iv) We also believed that it was time that the agriculture committee recognized that agriculture had to observe he budgetary disciplines to which any national policy, including national agricultural policies, have to confirm. This notion is, unhappily, entirely novel to some of the committee's continental "big spenders", who are preoccupied with agriculture as a means of social support (a perfectly honourable preoccupation in itself) rather than as an industry.

I am confident that, when it comes to the vote in the special session of the European Parliament next week on the farm price review, the great majority of the British Conservative members will endorse the viewpoint expressed above.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID CURRY,
The Old Maltings,
Arkesden, Saffron Walden.

Spaced-out holidays

From Mr A. J. Davenport

Sir, Is it not time that we reviewed the position regarding Bank Holidays in the months for March, April and May? For many years we had the Monday after Easter Sunday as a movable date, and the Monday after Whitsunday seven weeks afterwards. Now we find ourselves in the situation where Easter is still a movable feast, but the Spring Bank Holiday now appears as the last Monday in May and between these two dates we have inserted the so-called May Day holiday on the first Monday in May. The position in 1981 clearly emphasizes my point. Bank Holidays appear on April 20, May 4 and May 25—three Mondays out of six!

My particular concern as Head of a large secondary school is the extraordinary effect that this arrangement has on the school terms. Two years ago, when we had a late Easter, my authority (ILEA) in consultation with teachers decided to begin the summer term on the last Monday in April and the following Monday was a Bank Holiday; the overall picture for that half term was 19 working days. For 1981 it has been decided, again after consultation, that the May Day holiday will be incorporated in the Easter holiday, and so the summer term will begin on Tuesday, May 5 and we shall then have 14 working days at school before the Spring Bank Holiday. After that ridiculously short half term, we then have a second half lasting 40 days.

I would stress that my criticism is not of my authority or my colleagues who took part in the consultation procedure, but of the whole system. If we must have an additional public holiday, would it not be much more sensible for it to be added as the Tuesday after Easter Sunday?

Yours faithfully,
A. J. DAVENPORT,
Headmaster, St Paul's Way School,
Shelmerdine Close, E3.

Channel danger

From Mr S. P. H. Young

Sir, Having heard of the future plans for the Channel tunnel, one is intrigued to know how the designers are going to take precautions for the prevention of rabies being transmitted from the Continent to this country via the tunnel. Anyone who travels on the London Underground can rectify to the fact that the systems are infested with vermin, any of which can carry this appalling disease.

Yours anxiously,
S. P. H. YOUNG,
16 Berkeley Street, W7.

Hostel fires as a cause for anger

From the Bishop of Stepney and the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster

Sir, The two recent fires at London hostels for the homeless have made some people angry. They were indeed sad events. But we hope that the anger will not be directed at the voluntary organizations who are trying to cope with this enormous problem in London on almost non-existent budgets.

Rather we should be angry about the extent of homelessness and the massive cuts in the housing programme. We should protest that the Government, who take nearly £3,000m in tax and duty from trade in alcohol, put so little back into solving the problems of alcoholism, the detoxification units, education and hostels, and are now going to make matters worse by handing over this impossible problem to the boroughs, and usually to the poorer boroughs at that. We ought to be angry that we can not find somewhere to replace S Mungo's, a large hostel being lost to the cause by the sale of the old Charing Cross Hospital.

As Bishops in the East End it is our privilege to see the tremendous work being done by voluntary organizations and the volunteers themselves in caring for those, young and old, whom the bulk of society are content to see shuffling their way around the backstreets of our city. The conditions in the hostels sometimes gives us cause for concern, but at least they provide somewhere to go.

This human flotsam is our national responsibility and it would be wrong to scapegoat the few who try to gather it in and restore it because they are not given sufficient resources to do the job.

Yours faithfully,
†JIM STEPNEY,
†VICTOR GUAZZELLI,
400 Commercial Road, E1.

From Miss Susan Plowden and others

Sir, following the recent tragedy of the fire at the Missionaries of Charity Home in North London we, as hospital social workers, would like to make the following observations in view of the reports of overcrowding.

It is unbelievably difficult to find accommodation for the type of homeless vulnerable people housed by the above charity. Voluntary hostels are not always able to provide either the accommodation or supervision suitable for the type of person we frequently need to help; some will provide help only for a limited number of days.

Recently, for example, while trying to find a place for a man who had been a vagrant for a number of years, and was to be discharged from hospital, we were informed by various agencies that they were either full or unable to accept referrals from hospitals as their terms of reference were only for people "off the street".

The Missionaries of Charity have been extremely helpful in providing accommodation for, among others, those who might otherwise have been occupying an acute hospital bed, or have been forced to become vagrants.

Before the authorities restrict the numbers of those accepted, should not there be a corresponding increase of homes able to provide such accommodation? Or is the down-and-out, whether recovering from illness or not, to be penalized still further?

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN PLOWDEN,
ALISON SURTEES,
RUTH LAXTON,
VIRGINIA CUTLER,
JANE PARSONS,
SHARON RAEBURN,
DONALDA McDAVID,
JUDY LAGERWEIJ,
JUDY JEPSON,
ANNE FORGIE,
39 Linden Gardens, London, W2.
March 20.

Aims of the Palestinians

From Dr Everett M. Jacobs

Sir, It is unbelievable that Lord Carrington could have meant it when he said in the House of Lords on March 17 that he was unaware that the Palestine Liberation Organization's aim was to destroy Israel completely, and that he did not think the PLO was a terrorist organization "as such".

Yassir Arafat, chairman of the PLO and leader of the Al Fatah terrorist group, put the record straight as recently as February 11 in an exclusive interview in the Venezuelan newspaper, *El Mundo*. He said: "Peace for us means the destruction of Israel. . . . We are preparing for an all-out war. This war will last for generations. Since the birth of Al Fatah in 1965, we have become the most dangerous enemies that Israel has. We shall not rest until the day when we return to our home, and until we destroy Israel."

He continued by outlining specifically the PLO programme and methods: "The destruction of Israel is the goal of our struggle; and the guidelines of that struggle have remained firm since the establishment of Al Fatah in 1965: 1, Revolutionary violence is the only means for the liberation of the land of our fathers; 2, the goal of this violence is the destruction of Zionism in all its political, economic, and military forms, and its expulsion from Palestine; 3, our revolutionary activity must remain independent of any party or state control; 4, this action will be one of long duration. We know that the intention of some Arab leaders is to resolve the conflict by peaceful means. When this occurs, we shall oppose it."

No one has challenged the accuracy of Arafat's statements which, as Lord Carrington must have known, only repeat what numerous PLO spokesmen have said many times before. I fear that Lord Carrington's diplomatic blindness is part of the EEC disease that has recently been affecting this country.

Yours faithfully,
EVERETT M. JACOBS,
Department of Economic and Social History,
University of Sheffield.

Protection of souls

From Mr K. P. Frampton

Sir, Mr Clifford Longley's article on "Protecting souls in trouble from the fanatics" (March 10) is both timely and of vital importance in this age of proliferating cults. Religious fanaticism has become big business, often under the control of unscrupulous men who manipulate their guileless recruits into a state of willing servitude.

These sophisticated organizations use the liberal laws of our country to foist upon the public, usually the young, their own ideology under the guise of religion. This enables them to claim all the protection of religious freedom, regardless of the conduct and practices to which many of them resort, often destroying the personality and soul.

Since the Jonestown suicides many groups in America are now calling for legislation to curb this unbridled abuse of civil liberty. During the warnings that these excesses could happen again, two more people who escaped from Jones were murdered last month. Equally dangerous cults exist in Britain.

The growing menace of the cults must convince all who have any experience of the subject that the time has come for us to grasp the nettle. The laws of our land were not framed for the conditions which apply today—the public and the state equally need protection against this whole strategy of deception which, as you indicate, would not be tolerated in the field of commerce or medicine.

We have long been pressing for some suitable action in Parliament. In fact after our address to a number from both Houses at Westminster last year one of the members made the fine suggestion that a select committee on the cults should be set up.

It is good therefore to see Mr Longley stating that "there are possible steps that the church and state could take". Several practical remedies have been suggested by American lawyers who have studied the subject deeply, the most obvious being the registration of certain (possibly all) religious groups, also their financial accountability. As you say, a simple change in the law could enable the Charity Commissioners to enforce a new code of practice. Other safeguards are also necessary for individual protection from exploitation.

We shall be pleased to make available to any MPs who wish to pursue this urgent inquiry the above recommendations and other data we have available. We sincerely hope that your new initiative may now gain the active support of parliamentarians and all who are concerned for the well being of our country.

Yours truly,
K. P. FRAMPTON,
Deo Gloria Trust,
5-7 London Road,
Bromley,
Kent.
March 11.

Young riders

From Mr Patrick Doorly

Sir, An effective campaign to reduce the number of accidents among young motorcyclists would be welcomed by us all. But Mr Minter's suggestion (March 19) that 16-year-olds be banned from riding the small motorcycles (maximum engine size 175cc) which the law presently allows them raises wider issues than he may have considered.

The literary bias of our educational system results in many pupils leaving school at the earliest opportunity with neither academic qualifications nor useful skills and often with a sense of having failed. Contrary to Mr Minter's belief, these youngsters find small motorcycles exciting to ride, and usually take a pride in maintaining them in good working order. (Few have the means either to buy a new machine, or to pay a garage to repair a secondhand one.)

Servicing an engine requires concentration and patience. It develops an ability to think rationally and to coordinate mental activity with manual dexterity (a facility notoriously absent from formal education). It is precisely to foster these qualities among youngsters who joyride on "borrowed" motorcycles (without insurance cover), that the London Borough of Wandsworth obliges them to attend a course in motorcycle maintenance. The procedure, operated as Intermediate Treatment under the 1969 Child and Young Persons Act, has proved a cheaper and more effective alternative to institutionalized care.

I commend the indirect rewards of caring personally for the machines we all use to those of your readers who are neither 16, nor rejects of the school system. Certainly, they should think carefully before denying 16-year-olds the machines that teach them both useful skills and a new self-respect.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK DOORLY,
158 Boundaries Road, SW12.
March 20.

Treasure from Tipperary

From Mr Hugh Pilkington

Sir, Further to Mr K. R. Smith's splendid suggestion (March 20) that the St Ninian treasure, recently discovered in Ireland, should be put on display at the British Museum, before it is returned to Dublin.

Would it not be rather more interesting if the treasure was displayed at the British Museum in the state in which it was found, for one week and then again after the conservation and restoration work has been done.

This would not only demonstrate the little-publicized expertise of the British Museum's conservation officers, but also add to the appeal of the artefacts.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH PILKINGTON,
91 Great Russell Street, WC1.
March 21.

Consumer's choice of bread

From Mr A. J. Buczkowski

Sir, We would like to take the opportunity of commenting upon Hugh Clayton's article "Bakers call for cut in EEC wheat levy" (March 17).

For many years our farms in the Vale of Aylesbury have been producing all the wheat (Maris Widgeon and Sappo) and rye (Athol) we can use in our bakery, which has a throughput of some 5 tonnes per week. Within the next 18 months to two years we confidently expect this figure to reach some 15/18 tonnes per week.

All our breads are of a Continental type, and we are finding there is ever increasing consumer demand for such breads as opposed to the "lily white sponge" which the large bakeries insist is what the consumers want. For many years the consumer has had very little choice in the matter; and it is ironic that the large bakeries should now be contemplating persuading the public to abandon the lily white sponge in favour of Continental type breads at a time when the sales of the lily white sponge are decreasing rapidly and the public are demanding better bread in ever increasing quantities!

After several years of involvement in wholemeal bread making on an increasingly large scale it appears to us there is no reason why wholemeal and Continental types of bread cannot be produced using wheat grown in the Community on a scale comparable with the largest plants in the country. Indeed, the existing plants could make such bread with relatively minor modifications and a relatively small premium would ensure the right quality of wheat was grown by our British farmers.

If the result of the continued high level of the wheat levy is to make the large bakers start to think about producing a better loaf, and will benefit British farmers, then perhaps the levy should be increased even further.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. BUCZKOWSKI,
Springhill Bakery,
Gatehouse Close,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
March 20.

Cheaper air fares

From Mr Robert McCrindle, MP for Brentwood and Ongar (Conservative)

Sir, On consecutive days the Civil Aviation Authority has rejected the applications by independent airlines to open up European air routes and the initiative of British Airways for a super cheap fare to Paris has been baulked by the French authorities. In these circumstances has the great thrust towards lower air fares in Europe run out of steam or is it just bureaucratic shortsightedness and Continental cussedness?

No doubt there is an element of both in what has happened, but in truth the lesson of these events is that while there remains scope for innovation, we must stop entertaining hopes that European fares are set to plummet. Notwithstanding the EEC's bold initiatives into ways of reducing fares, the refusal by at least two member countries to contemplate meaningful reductions, allied to the inexorable rise in costs, surely forces us to reduce our expectations.

I suspect this will seem to the independent airlines to be a counsel of despair but I wonder how many of the bold innovations proposed by them could survive for long in a period of economic recession. I suggest that a more sober assessment of the profitable traffic that could reasonably be attracted would be a better basis on which to build, and would lead to attainable if less dramatic fare reductions.

In short, rising costs, unrealistic assessments of potential traffic and the stubbornness of France and Germany to contemplate any substantial changes surely mean that the most likely happening is limited reductions for tourist traffic at offpeak times and a continuing rise for the business traveller.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT McCRINDLE,
House of Commons.

Burning question

From Dr W. G. Barb

Sir, As head of a team of chemists working as translators I was most interested to read your correspondent's report on the fungicide muddle. As long as translators who are amateur scientists, or scientists who are amateur translators, are allowed to deal with documents where true scientific precision is needed, such errors will always occur.

In the case quoted, everyone seems blameworthy. The French original should never have used "cuisson", which is a word with several distinct meanings, but should have sought an unambiguous alternative, of which there are several. The translator should never have employed the verb "boiled". However, the final and allegedly correct translation is still wrong. "Cuisson" does not mean "charring". It means "burning" (in the culinary sense).

I wonder how much money has been spent, with usual EEC efficiency, to produce an ambiguous original specification and two wrong translations.

Yours sincerely,
W. G. BARB,
Europa House,
Marsham Way,
Gerrards Cross,
Buckinghamshire.
March 21.

Irish voting rights

From Mr Anthony Jaggard

Sir, There have been Irish battalions in the Papal Army, the French Army and the British Army. Smaller groups have served other countries.

I fail to see why this mercenary activity should entitle the civilian population to additional voting rights outside their own country, particularly when many of our own countrymen are disenfranchised while they work abroad.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY JAGGARD,
The Cavalry and Guards Club,
127 Piccadilly, W1.
March 19.

Keeping the children happy at Easter

"You write as if every mother had hours of leisure, lashings of spare money, a car at her disposal all through the week, the only problem left being to find different ways of stimulating and amusing her children." I have not actually received a letter like that, but I am ready for it. A few faint suggestions, then. The National Playing Fields Association's Play and Volunteer Directory does list some Easter play centres (and some full-time ones). It covers England and Wales. If you send a long sae they will send you back a free photostat of the part of the directory that concerns your area. Write to them at 25 Ovington Sq, London, SW3, or ring 01-584 6445. Alternatively see if your local library has the directory.

ILEA's usual programme of holiday play centres is available by writing to: ILEA (CEC 1), County Hall, London, SE1 7PB. Tel 01-633 5673. No charge. In Scotland the Fair Play for Children organization will try to help. Send a sae to them at 39 Hope St, Glasgow, G2. Tel 041-204 2300.

Exhibitions

The Vikings: I found the exhibits marvellous, the layout disappointing. If you are going for a traditional exhibition, with real objects in glass cases, I felt the historical background could have been much clearer, better proportioned and more vivid. It is messy, but most children will enjoy it.

Vikings Exhibition, British Museum, Gt Russell St, London WC1B 3DG. Tel 01-636 1555. Open till July 20. Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00. Sun 14.30-18.00. Closed Good Friday. 70p (children & students), £1.40 (adults).

Japan Style and Arthur Rackham: Many exhibitions will interest one child and bore another, but I defy any child not to be intrigued by one or two of the sections at the V&A's Japan Style exhibition. Small girls who dote on Hunca Munca dishes in doll's houses will gasp at the plastic food; the seafood *au gratin* almost melts as you look at it. Small boys must not miss the space-age Mitsubishi construction set and the space-man mounted on a spacecraft, itself mounted on tank tracks. This chap is armed with two machineguns, a medieval choppy-choppy weapon, a Sam missile and two shields to ward off bows and arrows or lasers or both. Even the feckless child is catered for, with complicated *pachinko* (gambling) machines. Above all, however, and more seriously, the exhibition may bring inspiration for masks, for puppets, for posters, for pottery. Until the end of March, Liberty's have also mounted a huge complementary exhibition of Japanese goods, and more *pachinko* machines.

The exhibition of Arthur Rackham's drawings and water-colours from Sheffield is also at the V & A for a few weeks only (March 5-April 27).

Victoria & Albert Museum, S Kensington, London SW7 2RL. Tel. 01-589 6371. Open (Mon-Thurs), 10.00-17.30. Sun 14.30-17.30. Closed every Friday. Admission to Japan Style 60p children, 1.35 adults.

The Great Optical Illusion and Challenge of the Chip: The Great Optical Illusion marks 50 years of television. You can even achieve that dream of dreams, seeing yourself on TV. The exhibition opens on March 27.

Challenge of the Chip is designed to demonstrate the potential of microelectronics. There are working exhibits, films and even toys and games. Science Museum, S Kensington, London SW7 2DD. Tel 01-589 3456/688. Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00. Sun 14.30-18.00. Closed Good Friday. Admission to both exhibitions is free.

The Chamber of Horrors: Madame Tussauds say they are redesigning the Chamber of Horrors, partly because children complained it w nor frightening enough.

London museums

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2. Tel. 01-980 2415. April 8, 15, Automata—a rare display of how some old toys worked: April 9, 16, Find out about the paper figures illustrating stories, and make some: April 10, All the birds of the air—decorate them; April 17, Meet and make some toy animals. 14.30 each day. Admission free. (Closed every Friday).

Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23. Tel. 01-699 1872. April 26, Boomerang making workshop. 11.00. April 27, Boomerang throwing demonstration and contests, Dulwich Park. 14.00 (ages 10 and over). To join either apply to Dr E. Goodhew, Horniman Museum.

Museum of London, London Wall, EC2. Tel. 01-600 3699. April 9, Easter Bonnets: create a hat to rival the top designers. 10.30-12.00 & 14.00-16.00. Basic materials provided, but bring trimmings if liked. All ages. April 15/16 & 17/18, "John Stow Lived Here": two-day workshop, with activities based on costume, drama and music. 10.30-13.00 & 14.00-16.00 each day. Applications (signed by parents) to the Education Dept. The museum is open on Good Friday and closed on Easter Monday.

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2. Tel. 01-839 3321. The quiz this Easter is called "The Jungle Look". Available till April 20. For ages 8-14. Also a drawing competition. The gallery is closed on Good Friday.

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10. Tel. 01-858 4422. "Life Under Sail": series of films. 14.30 each day in the Runciman Lecture Theatre. Admission free. Tickets for the planetarium shows, April 8, 9, 10, from Mrs Jeffery, Planetarium Bookings, Nat Maritime Museum. Admission 5p children, 15p adults.

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7. Tel 589 6323. April 2, 3, 8-19 (except Suns & Mons) Family Centre is open for parents and children. They can use microscopes, make bark rubbings and handle museum objects. Also quizzes and a dinosaur puzzle. All materials provided. No charge.

Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7. Tel 01-589 3456/688. April 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 "Metals—from the Improbable to the Impossible". Easter Lecture by Aubrey Tulley. How metals are made and why they behave in the way they do. 15.00 each day. Free tickets from Education Dept. Also April 11, 12 "Amateur Radio . . . Making a Start". Talks, film, slides and demonstrations. April 11 at 15.00, April 12, 11.00 and 15.00.

Public demonstrations in the Star Dome have been resumed after a gap of many months. Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri each week at 11.30.

Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1. Tel 01-821 1313. March 31-April 20, Magic and the Supernatural, a new gallery game. For ages 8-14. Also April 10 and 17, children's tours by Mary Ellis, 11.30 both days. For ages 8-14. All activities free.

Tower of London, London EC3. Tel 01-709 0765. April 10, The Princes in the Tower—a case for the historical detective. Illustrated lecture by Prof Charles Ross, 15.00. For ages 13-15. Free tickets (but admission to Tower payable) from the Tower Education Office.

Victoria & Albert Museum, S Kensington, London SW7. Tel 589 6371. April 8, 9, 10 "In the Beginning", sessions looking at the way in which some museum objects were made. They deal with wooden objects on April 8, gold and silver on April 9, wool and silk on April 10. For ages 11 and over, including adults. 10.30 each day. Admission free.

Provincial museums

Bedford:

Cecil Higgins Art Gallery, Castle Close, Bedford. Tel 0234 211222. April 8-11, 15-18. "Make a Game". Construct a board game (either an original one or a variation of a standard game). 14.30-16.00. Ages six or over. Admission free.

Birmingham:

Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham. Tel 021-235 3890. Open events, where no tickets are required, include demonstrations of bone china egg making (April 9) and wood-carving (April 14); ask also for the gallery quiz. March 30, Sunday Craft Afternoon 14.00-16.00; displays of some 10 crafts. Events requiring tickets include a course on Indian embroidery and a talk on Indian village life and an Easter card-making session for under-fives. There are also activities at Aston Hall, Blakesley Hall, and the Birmingham Nature Centre. Details and booking forms from Mrs Meredith, Museum Education Dept. No telephone bookings.

Cardiff: National Museum of Wales, tel 0222 26241. April 12, family expedition (first in a new series). Meet at the old school, Rhandirmwyn, on the main road through the village (map ref SN 782440). Subjects include geology, natural history and industrial archaeology. Bring weatherproof clothes and shoes. No charge. There are informal holiday activities for children at the National Museum, the Industrial & Maritime Museum and the North Wales Quarrying Museum between April 9-11, 14-18. 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-16.30 each day. Ages 8-13. The Industrial Museum also has a special open day on April 5. (All these museums are closed on Good Friday.)

Derby: Derby City Museums & Art Gallery, Strand, Derby. Tel 0332 31111/793. Competition booklet available throughout the holidays. April 9, 10 "Painting Pebbles", held at the Industrial Museum. 14.00-16.00 each day. Ages seven and over. Free tickets from the City Museum.

Edinburgh: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St. Tel 031 225 7534. Films: March 31-April 4. No tickets. Admission free. Quizzes also available (bring pencils and crayons). April 7-11, "Fifties" project. Young people wil be invited to bring in relevant material and set up an exhibition. Ages 13-15. Introductory talk: March 26, 16.30.

Museum of Flight, East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian. Tel 031 225 7534 (Royal Scottish Museum). April 7, 8, 9 "Behind the Scenes", a conducted tour. Details from the Royal Scottish Museum.

Glasgow: Haggs Castle, 100 St Andrews Drive. Tel 041 427 2725. April 4 and 5, 7-12. Activities every morning and afternoon for varying age groups. They include decorating eggs, pinhole cameras, calligraphy and finding out about herbs. 10.30 and 14.30. Bookings taken by phone or in person. No charge.

Liverpool:

Merseyside County Museums, William Brown St. Tel 051-207 0001. April 15, 16, 17. Halfday workshop sessions on rocks, minerals and fossils. 14.00-16.00 each day. Ages 8-14. Bring old clothes and 30p for materials and refreshments. Numbers limited. Make prior application. April 10, 11, industrial archaeology two-day course, concentrating on the Liverpool & Manchester Railway and the Mersey Docks. Make prior application. £1.

Manchester:

Manchester Museum, Oxford Road, Manchester. Tel 061-273 2892. March 31-April 3, April 8-11, "Free for All", handling museum objects and working creatively from them. Also different films each day. There are two special exhibitions at the museum. "O Osiris Live for Ever", covering Egyptian funerary practices and gods, and "A Young Person's Guide to Geology". Workbooks are available for both.

Heaton Hall, Heaton Park, Prestwich, Manchester 25. March 31 & April 1, Holiday Workshop, quizzes, treasure trail and practical work. 10.00-12.30 each day. Numbers limited. Admission free. Information and tickets from Mr E. Williams. Tel 061-236 9283.

Oxford:

Museum of Oxford, St Aldates, Oxford. Tel 0865 815559. April 9, 10, 11, "All Sewn Up". Holiday activities on samplers, needlework tools and modern embroidery. Linked with the temporary exhibition "Pins & Needles" on the history of sewing and embroidery. 14.00-16.00 each day. Ages 10 and over. Tel the museum to book.

Tyne & Wear:

Dorman Museum, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough.

Gray Museum, Clarence Road, Hartlepool.

Hancock Museum, Barrass Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Preston Hall Museum, Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees.

Sunderland Museum, Borough Road, Sunderland. All these museums are participating in a pond survey over the Easter holidays. Children may collect recording sheets from the museums. Completed entries will earn a free wildlife [illegible] Inquiries to Museums and Galleries Dept. Tel 0632 26[illegible]

Art galleries

Sheffield:

Graves Art Gallery, Surrey [illegible] Sheffield 1. Tel (Hay's Gall[illegible] 0742 734789. April 5, Eggst[illegible] ganza. Painting hard-bo[illegible] eggs in the East European-tr[illegible] tion. 10.00-12.00. Admis[illegible] free.

Mappin Art Gallery, We[illegible] Park, Sheffield 10. Tel (H[illegible] Gallery) 0742 734789. Ap[illegible] 11, Alice in Wonderland Th[illegible] day project for children, w[illegible] ing on the Mad Hatter's [illegible] Party, The Deck of Ca[illegible] Tweedledum and Tweedl[illegible] and Humpty Dumpty. 1[illegible] 15.00 each day. Ages seven [illegible] over. Bring a packed l[illegible] and old clothes. Ring [illegible] Gallery to book. No charge

Outings

The Ashmole Club's Easter day outings are: March 31, [illegible] of the *Oxford Mail & Time*[illegible] a walk round Osney; Apr[illegible] visit to an archaeological [illegible] servation laboratory; April [illegible] talk on recent archaeolo[illegible] finds in China; April 12, [illegible] Bristol to see Brunel's br[illegible] and SS Great Britain, also [illegible] churches and two muse[illegible] Details of membership of [illegible] historical club for children [illegible] Mrs S. West, 42 Portland R[illegible] Oxford.

Book bonanzas

Dundee Book Bonanza: [illegible] Grand Opening is at 11.0[illegible] April 19 by John Gran[illegible] *Jackanory*. There are f[illegible] games and demonstration[illegible] most every day, and look[illegible] for personal appearances [illegible] Oink What a Mess, Wally [illegible] Wallaby and The Knight. [illegible] Dundee College of Educa[illegible] Gardyne Rd, Dundee, Apri[illegible] 26 (closed Sun). 10.00-[illegible] each day. Admission fre[illegible] Lion & Unicorn Book [illegible] This year's theme is "W[illegible] and Wonderful", and there [illegible] magic sessions each day [illegible] lunchtime.

St Matthias Community Ce[illegible] King's Rd, Richmond, Su[illegible] Tel (bookshop) 01-940 [illegible] April 16-19. 10.00-17.30 [illegible] day. Also a sing-song [illegible] Friday 19.00-20.15. Admi[illegible] free.

The Puffin Exhibition: [illegible] ing authors, a maze, a [illegible] yourself vast crocodile, [illegible] ing a puffin, lots of com[illegible] tions and something for [illegible] very smalls.

Kensington Town Hall, Hor[illegible] St, London W8. Tel (child[illegible] books publicity) 01-351 [illegible] April 8-19 (closed Sun). 1[illegible] 17.00 each day. Admission [illegible] (children), 50p (adults), [illegible] (Puffin Club members we[illegible] badges).

Federation of Children's Groups: Apart from the Dundee Book Bonanza [illegible] above), group holiday e[illegible] include:

Aldershot group: Apri[illegible] story reading, Fleet Lib[illegible] Aldershot 14.30. Brai[illegible] group: April 1, "Book[illegible] Songs", a sing-song, Beac[illegible] Central Library 18.30. D[illegible] group: March 27, lecture [illegible] teenage reading by Mart[illegible] Marshall, Park Farm Co[illegible] Allestree, Derby 19.30. L[illegible] field group: April 10, pu[illegible] show, Dronfield Library [illegible] (free tickets at library—s[illegible] limited). Edinburgh gr[illegible] March 28, Book Fair with f[illegible] and competitions, Pencait[illegible] Primary School, E Lothian [illegible] 21.00. Harpenden gro[illegible] March 29, "The Magic [illegible] Books"—magician, fancy d[illegible] story telling, St Nicholas [illegible] Harpenden 14.15. And [illegible] others.

Mrs James (Tel 024029 [illegible] will be happy to answer que[illegible] about the Federation in gen[illegible] or its constituent groups.

Films

The start of the ICA Childr[illegible] Cinema Club is immensely [illegible] come news. They pres[illegible] different films each weeke[illegible] The April programme is ca[illegible] "Arabian Adventures".

Institute of Contempor[illegible] Arts, The Mall, London S[illegible] Tel 01-930 3647. Sats & S[illegible] usually at 15.00. Tickets £1.

Riding

If you never learnt a sport [illegible] a child, it is very hard to ass[illegible] facilities and the qualities [illegible] so-called experts in that sp[illegible] on your child's behalf. So wh[illegible] I met Diana Pullein-Thomp[illegible] at a Book Fair I asked her w[illegible] the green parent should look [illegible] in a riding school. She sa[illegible] "Look at the condition of [illegible] horses.

Walking

If you are seeking informati[illegible] about where you can walk, [illegible] big or small private estates [illegible] estates managed by compani[illegible] the regional secretaries of t[illegible] Timber Growers' Associati[illegible] will be your allies, and w[illegible] know the dates of special op[illegible] days in private woods a[illegible] forests. In the North West ri[illegible] Mr Merrett, Kendal 22592; [illegible] the West Midlands & Wal[illegible] Colonel Hadoke, Burwarton 20[illegible] in the East, Mr Coombes, Bar[illegible] ham Broom 618; in the Sou[illegible] East Mr Long, Woolhampt[illegible] 3310; in the South and Sou[illegible] West, Mr Wildash, Verwoo[illegible] 4411; in South Wales and t[illegible] Marches, Colonel Winstanle[illegible] Canon Pyon 408.

There are other, deeper sig[illegible] of hope. A newish, smallis[illegible] organization called the Woo[illegible] lands.

Its address is: Butterbrook[illegible] Harford, Ivybridge, Devon. Te[illegible] 07554-2213.

Agnes Whitake[illegible]

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IAM PALACE

: The Queen was by Lord Porchester at ial Service for the Earl (Her Majesty's Lord- for Humberside) which in York Minster this

ince of Wales was l by the Earl of Scar-

en was represented by Colonel Sir Richard ulkeley, Bt (Her Lord-Lieutenant for at the Memorial Service hael Duff, Bt (Lieuten- ynedd and formerly Her Lieutenant for the Caernarvon) which was gor Cathedral this after-

ce of Wales was repre- the Marchioness of

The Duke of Edinburgh nt this evening at a for Members of the Commission at the Porter of Whitbreads, Chiswell .1.

Adrian Wray, RM, was ice.

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'S PALACE

The Duke and Duchess ere represented by Sir Worsley, Bt, at the Service for the Earl of ich was held in York s morning.

Edward Wood was attend the Funeral r the Earl of Halifax illness.

ys today

Marshal Sir John Davis, tanley Gomes, 79; Sir drew, 63; Mr H. W. 2; Mr Malcolm Mugger- Sir Noel Murless, 70; n Steel, 80; Sir James 78; Professor H. B. n, 64.

m bond winners

numbers in the weekly he £100,000, £50,000 and remium Savings Bond nounced on Saturday, .000, 2TN 772435 (loca- winner, co Durham); 17WB 568652 (Hamp- 5,000, TT 576875 (West

ham College

C. Greenwood has been resident of the Council ham College from Sep- 1980, to succeed Sir rain, who retires on he statutory age limit.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr M. J. Hester
and Miss S. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Michael James, son of Dr and Mrs K. M. C. Hester, of Baytree House, Bures, Suffolk, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. Johnson, of The Meadows, South Brent, Devon.

Marriages

Major A. C. Boyce, RA
and Miss A. M. Thompson

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shalford, near Guildford, Surrey, between Major Antony Carlisle Boyce, eldest son of Colonel H. C. Boyce, of Chard, Somerset and Sheila Lady Austin, of Queen's Gate Place, London, SW7, and Miss Annette Mary Thompson, elder daughter of the late Mr Denis Thompson and of Mrs Betty Thompson, of Grangewood, Velmead Road, Fleet, Hampshire. The Rev K. Morgan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Thomas Thompson, wore a Spanish style, lace-trimmed gown and a lace veil held in place by a mantilla. She was attended by Charlotte Thompson Bran, Victoria MacEachran, Mrs Paul Bran (sister of the bride) and Miss Jane Thompson. Mr Ian Boyce (brother of the bridegroom) was best man and a guard of honour was found by the Royal Artillery.

A reception was held at Worplesdon Place, Guildford, and the honeymoon will be spent in the West Country.

Mr R. F. Garton
and Miss J. L. Frank

The marriage took place in London on Thursday, March 20, between Mr Robin Forbes Garton, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Garton and Miss Jessica Lee Frank, elder daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs A. D. Frank.

His Honour D. C. L. Potter
and Mlle N. Kayser

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 22, 1980, in the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, between his Honour Douglas Charles Loftus Potter and Mlle Nicole Kayser. The Rev Felix V. A. Boyse assisted by Canon W. G. Howard, chaplain, officiated.

Mr D. J. Profumo
and Miss H. A. Fraser

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 22, at St Marylebone parish church between Mr David Profumo, only son of Mr and Mrs John Profumo, and Miss Helen Fraser, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alasdair Fraser. The Rev C. K. Hamel Cooke officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Watkins.

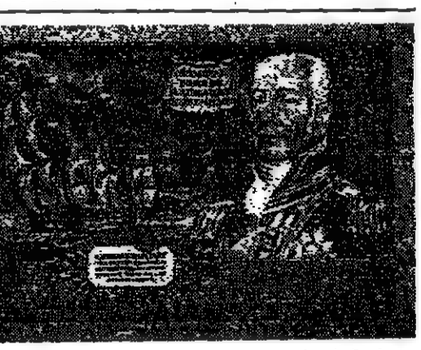
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Miss Alice Plunket, Miss Jessica Watkins and James Janson. The Hon Piers Gibson was best man.

A reception was held at Chandos House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Service dinner

3rd Division Signals

The 3rd Divisional Signals Reunion Club held their annual dinner and annual general meeting at the Victory Services Club on Saturday. Representatives of 3rd Armoured Divisional Signals and past members of Montgomery's Iron Division were present. Brigadier C. G. Moore presided.



y's £20 note: The first £20 note to be issued since d introduced its own paper currency in 1816, which nto circulation today. One of a set of four notes £10, £20) featuring prominent Guernseymen of the teenth and early nineteenth centuries, the £20 note a portrait of Admiral Lord de Saumarez, who was in command to Nelson at the Battle of the Nile in d defeated the French-Spanish fleet off Cadiz in 1801. 's basic colour is red.

No man has gone to Canterbury with greater good will

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

In his own view the most interesting press comment on the personality of the new Archbishop of Canterbury was the description of him as "a radical conservative, with self-effacing charisma".

Perhaps in a secular world where fame almost invariably correlates with strong egotism, religious leaders are bound to seem enigmatic and contradictory figures. The Most Rev Robert Runcie, who comes into his temporal kingdom tomorrow with the act of ceremonial enthronement at Canterbury, is appartently still something of an enigmatic contradiction even to the Church of England.

In his 30 years as a churchman he has collected remarkably few enemies, and those one meets who attempt to express their opposition quickly become rather irrational. His milder critics, who invariably like him and wish him well, call him "just a bit light-weight", which may mean no more than that he lacks a grave demeanour and enjoys tickling people with a gently witty turn of phrase.

No man has gone to Lambeth and Canterbury with more public good will, and few started off in the office of primate with his degree of public popularity. But none before has been so familiar with the ways of the mass media: he was chairman of a relatively obscure body called the Central Religious Advisory Committee for some years, and that brought him into contact with the professional broadcasting world in the BBC, independent television and radio, and left him with a network of enduring friendships.

He has not had to seek publicity, rather to avoid over-exposure, but enough has come his way in the past few months to establish him already as a public figure. Even Private Eye treats him as a household name. In this sense, therefore, he already "belongs" to the public, and the Church of England is now for the first time led by a man with more than half a claim to the ephemeral but influential status of a television celebrity.

The phenomenon of mass appeal is one no church seems really to understand, and yet it has a significance that cannot be ignored. It was manifestly the last thing in the minds of the conclave cardinals when they elected Pope John Paul II, but his capacity to handle public occasions and communicate effectively with huge crowds and huge audiences, whether in the flesh or by the mass media, brought a spectacular new element into the papacy, one no theologian of the Petrine ministry had thought about.

The lesson of the Pope's success is that there is an enormous public appetite for a certain style of spiritual leadership, and if it gains an effective response no better means is likely to exist to bring the secular world face to face with religious teaching. It may be a capricious world, one in which "star-quality" rather than any other talent or virtue determines the ability of the churches to reach the people. It is not, however an altogether unreliable guide to spiritual gifts, as the unselfconsciousness and courage that come with humility can be powerful aids to studio or platform performance.

Tomorrow's enthronement is itself a "media-event" in the life of the nation and the national church, and the Church of England would make a great mistake in regarding it as a basically private affair with the journalist or broadcaster a barely tolerated intruder. By protesting at the clash with Budget day, the church has half conceded the point already; but it is some distance from there to the point of being at home in the television age.

Previous archbishops have not been comfortable in that world; it is even said that Lambeth Palace had no television set until recently. And part of that sense of comfort comes from being able to accept the complete autonomy of the media rather than treating them as a facility to be manipulated or distrusted according to temperament.

Art Nouveau lamp sold for $360,000

Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Art Nouveau moved into a new price bracket in New York on Saturday when a Tiffany lamp reached $360,000, or £164,383, in a Christie's auction of the Mihalak collection. The rarity which commanded that price was a spider-web leaded glass, mosaic and bronze table lamp.

Another lamp of that type was sold for $150,000 (£75,000) from the Gluck collection only a year ago, and that was the highest price on record for a Tiffany lamp.

No other product of Art Nouveau craftsmanship has ever matched that price at auction. Until Saturday the highest price was 370,000 Swiss francs, or £104,815, paid at a Christie's sale in Geneva last June for a Gallé marqueterie de verre cup.

Saturday's sale was devoted to the collection of magnificent Tiffany lamps formed by Joseph and Lillian Mihalak, of Pontiac, Michigan. Their fortune was made in floor coverings and the couple are now moving to a retirement home in Florida. They were in New York to see their collection come under the hammer.

The collection of 45 lamps made £597,470, with only 5 per cent unsold. The most expensive lamps were also bought by American private collectors; the purchaser of the spider-web lamp was bidding over the telephone.

The other top prices were $200,000 (estimate $60,000 to $90,000), or £91,324, for a hanging head dragonfly lampshade on a turtle-back tile, mosiac, and bronze base; $125,000 (estimate $50,000 to $65,000), or £57,077, for a laburnum leaded glass and bronze floor lamp; and $62,000 (estimate $15,000 to $20,000) or £28,310, for a dragonfly leaded glass and bronze table lamp.

At Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Saturday fine Persian rugs and carpets met irregular bidding, with many of the more expensive rugs failing to sell, while some lesser pieces made high prices. The sale totalled £321,674, with 41 of 151 lots unsold. The biggest failure was a silk Kashan bought in at $39,000 (estimate $40,000 to $50,000), or £17,647.

The biggest successful bid came from a German dealer at $29,000 (estimate $12,000 to $16,000), or £13,122, for a very large Indo-Ispahan carpet (24 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 11 inches. As an example of the strong prices for lesser items, the auctioneers quote a silk Heriz run (5 feet 3 inches by 4 feet 2 inches), sold for $18,000 (estimate $8,000 to $12,00) or £8,145.

Memorial service

The Earl of Halifax

The Queen was represented by Lord Porchester and the Prince of Wales by the Earl of Scarborough at a memorial service for the Earl of Halifax held in York Minster on Saturday. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Sir Marcus Worsley. The Archbishop of York pronounced the blessing. The Dean of York officiated. Lord Holderness (brother) read the lesson. The Bishop of Hull, the Bishop of Whitby, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds and Canon Dessain of Malines, Brussels, were robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and the Marchioness of Normanby, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, Lords Lieutenant, High Sheriffs, Deputy Lieutenants of neighbouring counties and other civic representatives attended. Others present included:

The Countess of Halifax (widow), Lord and Lady Irwin (son and daughter-in-law), Lady Caroline Gosling (daughter), Mr Ian and Lady Susan Watson (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Roderick Feilden, Mr David Watson and Mr Richard Watson (Grandsons), the Countess of Feversham (sister), Lady Holderness and Mrs Peter Hastings (sisters-in-law), Major Nicholas and Lady Clarissa Collin, Captain and the Hon Mrs Nicholas Brooksbank, Mr William Hastings Bass, Mr John Hastings Bass, the Earl and Countess of Derby, Captain the Hon Richard Stanley, Sir Kenneth and the Hon Lady Parkinson, Brigadier and the Hon Mrs Kenneth Hargreaves, Colonel F. Lane-Fox, Mr and Mrs George Lane-Fox, Mr and Mrs Anthony Wakeham, Mr and Mrs Simon Scrope, Mrs Charles Younger.

Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, the Marquess and Marchioness of Zetland, Viscount and Viscountess Allendale, Lady Porchester, Lord Westbury (representing the Master of the Foxhounds Association and the Yorkshire Association of Boys Clubs) and Lady Westbury (representing the Order of St John, Humberside), Lord Hotham, the Dowager Lady Hotham, Lord Belper, Lord and Lady Manton, Lord and Lady Feversham, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Middleton, Lady Herries of Terregles, Lady Sarah Fitzalan Howard, Lady Mary Fitzalan Howard, Lady Alexandra Beasley, Lady Katharine Phillips (Humberside Red Cross), Brigadier the Hon Richard and the Hon Lady Richmond Brown, the Hon Edward Beckett (British Bloodstock Agency), Lady Worsley, Sir Ian and Lady Macdonald of Sleat, Sir Tatton Sykes, Sir Richard Graham, Isobel Lady Dunnington-Jefferson, Lady (Richard) Storey, Sir Guy Cunard, Lady Bowes-Lyon, Sir Paul Bryan, MP, and Lady Bryan, Sir Brynmor Jones (Beverley Minster Restoration Committee), Sir Donald Barron (Rowntree Mackintosh), Lady Whittaker (WRVS), Lieutenant-General Sir Edward and Lady Howard-Vyse, Lady (Noel) Murless, Sir John Dudding, Sir Basil Parkes, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Sir Raymond Potter (Halifax Building Society) and Lady Potter, Sir Henry Plumb, Professor Sir Roy Marshall (Vice-Chancellor of Hull University), Mr C. L. Chafer, Mr and Mrs J. F. Armstrong, Colonel and Mrs D. Tetley, Major and Mrs Richard Dangar, Brigadier and Mrs R. Heathcoat-Amory, Major-General and Mrs J. Ward-Harrison, Mr John Snowden (MOF, also representing the Zetland Hunt) and Mrs Snowden, Miss Christian Howard, Mrs G. R. H. Smith, Mr and Mrs R. E. Howard-Vyse, Miss Lesley Hyatt, Colonel R. A. Alec-Smith (representing Humberside Magistrates County Committee and Hull City Magistrates) and Mrs Alec-Smith, Colonel John Brewster (representing County Commissioner of Scouts, Humberside) and Mrs Brewster, Colonel A. V. Rhodes, Mr W. H. C. Cobb (representing the Provost and Fellows, Northern Division of Woodard Schools).

Mr Edward Lycett-Green, Captain John MacDonald-Buchanan (Jockey Club), Mr Marcus Wickham-Boynton (vice-chairman, York Race Committee), Mr Brian Norman Oughtred (Beverley Race Committee), Major and Mrs L. Petch and Mr W. G. Duff (representing the Royal Box Staff, York Race Course), Mr Jeremy Tree, Mr M. G. Foster (Thirsk Race Course), Mrs Edward Hide, Mr Reg Griffin, Major General and Mrs Foster and Mr and Mrs J. K. Mansfield (Middleton Hunt), Mr R. Spencer Thompson (Middleton Hunt Supporters' Club), Mr and Mrs T. Edwards (Middleton Hunt Kennels), Mr J. H. Hudson (Norton Grove Stud), Mr and Mrs Norman Pinkney, Colonel M. Gordon (Finningley Hunt), Mr H. O. Ruddrock (Bilsdale Foxhounds), Major-General Ian Baker (GOC North Eastern District), Colonel R. M. Weare (Yorkshire Volunteers and the National Trust), Major-General and Mrs C. J. Deedes, Brigadier and Mrs J. E. Swetenham, Brigadier C. Sloan, Brigadier and Mrs W. Loring, Brigadier and Mrs T. G. C. Cooper, Colonel J. H. Neale (Yorkshire and Humberside TAVR Association), Colonel R. Bolton, Colonel R. C. Roberts (Military Education Committee, Leeds University), Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Mansel (Army Benevolent Fund), Major N. L. Botham (representing 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers and the Royal Society of St George), Wing Commander E. Symonds (representing RAFA and Fulford Golf Club) and Mrs Symonds, Colonel T. A. M. Phillips (Yorkshire Agricultural Society and Humberside Bail Training Association), Major-General G. Collin (Great Yorkshire Show) and Mrs Collin, Mr Frank Furness and Mr Nigel Forbes Adam (Country Landowners Association), Mr Ian Robert Marshall (Forestry Commission), Mr J. D. Murray and Mr A. Barker (Young Farmers Clubs), Deputy Chief Constable P. White, Chief Superintendent C. R. Hopkin, Mr R. S. Masser (York Rugby League Club) and Mrs Massey and Mr Ian Crombie (York Guild of Freemen).

Latest wills

Mrs Edith Oakes, of Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, left £201,593 net. She left £18,250 and effects to personal legatees; £1,000 and a sixth of the residue to All Saints Church, Newton Heath, a sixth to Thornton Parish Christ Church, and a sixth each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Church Army, RNLI and the Harold Hoyle Centre for the Blind, Little Bispham.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Apsey, Mr Peter Roger Giles, of Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, died intestate £221,187
Cohen, Mrs Esther Brams, of Stanmore, Middlesex .. £246,389

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: The Vikings, British Museum, 10-5. Black Heritage, Liverpool University, Department of Civic Design, Abercromby Square, 9.30-4.30. Art made for strangers, Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, 10-5. Bill Brandt, Regent Street Gallery, Regent Street, 8.30-8.30. In danger's hour, Kodak Photographic Gallery, 246 High Holborn, 9-4.45.

Lectures: "Children in Greek Art", by Anne Pearson, British Museum, 11.30. Art Dealing: the importance of Old Masters in Britain in the nineteenth century, by Hugh Brigstocke, National Gallery, 1. The other Victorians: Grimshaw and Tissot, by Mary Ellis, Tate Gallery, 1.

Lunchtime music: Piano recital by Maryann Kissaun, St Lawrence Jewry, 1. Organ recital by Jonathan Rennert, St Michael's Cornhill, 1.

Britain's world role

The Duke of Gloucester, as patron of The Council for Education in World Citizenship, will open the annual conference 1980, "Britain's Changing Role in the World", at Birmingham University next Monday.

Photograph by Brian Harris

A page from history: Lord Salisbury inspecting the suit worn by Robert Cecil, later the fifth Marquess of Salisbury, at the age of nine as a page at the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. The suit is at an exhibition of fashion through the ages which opens to the public at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire tomorrow.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

REAR ADMIRAL: D. O'Hara, to be Director of Post Design (Ships) in June.

CAPTAINS: G. S. Coumbe, MOD (PE) as DEWS (as Cdre), April 25: G. M. A. James, CSO (Engrg) to FOST, Capt of Portland Naval Base and Capt F. M. Portland, Sept 26: G. G. W. Marsh, Thunderer in Cmd, June 2.

COMMANDERS: R. F. M. Jackson, RNC Greenwich, Sept 16: D. M. O'Brien, MOD with DNOR, Aug 26: L. Hallett, RNC Greenwich for Directing Staff, Aug 1: E. K. Somerville-Jones, staff of SACLANT, July 30: B. A. Pickard, NCTE West Drayton, July 29: G. S. Cryer A & AEE Boscombe Down as Wg Cdr (Ops), Sept 17: C. J. G. Young, Director of Trng Executives, March 28 (acting Capt March 24 to July 11): R. M. Gee, staff as FOSM and as SPPO, June 3: O. J. M. Andrewes, staff of CINCNAVHOME, May 13: J. J. R. Tod, Cabinet Office (acting Capt April 8 to June 29): A. N. Law, staff of MTS, Dec 19: R. J. Field, Ariadne as WEO and SWEO, Aug 20: S. V. Woodford, CSO (Engrg) to FOSNI, CFM Rosyth and Flt EO to CMCM/CFP, Aug 22.

ROYAL MARINES

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: M. M. Phillips, HQ Cdo Forces RM as AA&QMG, Nov 14: H. J. Flamank, HQ Cdo Forces RM as DQDAR, Oct 24.

MAJORS: J. H. Fisher, HQ Cdo Forces RM as GSO1, Oct 3: M. V. Jenkins, RNC Greenwich as RM Directing Staff, Nov 10: H. E. Affleck-Graves, duty with Chief of Defence Staff, Sept 1.

Retirements

SURGEON VICE-ADMIRAL: J. S. P. Rawlins, May 17.

CAPTAINS: R. J. Bates, June 7: G. J. Chambers, June 4.

COMMANDERS: D. Hall, May 13: D. A. Howard, May 17.

COMMANDERS (SD): J. J. Parry, May 14.

ROYAL MARINES

COLONEL: M. R. Marchant, Oct 25.

The Army

MAJOR-GENERAL: Brig E. W. Barton, MOD as Director Military Survey, March 27.

BRIGADIERS: P. D. W. Wickenden, RAM College as Director Psychiatry, March 3: C. D. H. Wilson, HQ NE DISTRICT as D Comd, March 31.

COLONELS: D. W. Ewing, HQ UKLF as PM, March 28: A. G. Grevatt, ASMT as CI Adv Trg Wg, March 28. Rev J. Harkness, HQ Scotland as Assistant Chaplain General, March 31: Lt-Col D. Kenlish, REME(V), CVHQ as Col REME TA, April 1: Lt-Col B. T. John, RRW, HQ Wales as TAVR Col, April 1: R. D. H. Parker, DKMH Catterick as Cons Surg, April 14: G. C. Sharpe, RPO Brighton as Regtl Paymaster, March 28.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J. Anderson, RAMC, BMH Dharan as Sp in Anaes, March 22: D. Bidwell, REME, MOD as AWMC, March 28: T. Blakemore, RAEC, No 2 Resettlement Centre as Commandant and Chief Instructor, March 28: J. I. Brocklehurst, RADC, No 3 Dental Group RADC as CO, March 31: Maj M. C. Edmunds, RA, BAAT Nigeria as GSO1 DS, March 27: Maj M. Gatiney, RE, RMCS Shrivenham as GSO1(W) DS Man 4, April 1: M. T. O. Lloyd, RRW, UKCICC as POMC Theatre Plans, March 28: T. E. W. Martin PARA, 10 PARA(V) as Commanding Officer, March 24: N. M. Prideaux, RGJ, The Rifle Depot as Commanding Officer, March 3: R. E. M. Thorburn, RHF, 1 RHF as Commanding Officer, March 27: M. J. Wilkes, RA, MOD as GSO1, March 25: Maj R. T. J. Wreford, R ANGLIAN (V), 5 R ANGLIAN (V) as Commanding Officer, April 1: B. C. Waiterson, Irish Guards, GSO1 MA to CinC BAOR, Feb 22.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS R. N. Whittaker to HQSTC as C Supp and Mov O, March 24: J. P. Downes to HQSTC as DC Elec Eng (Air), March 21: D. H. Warren to Saudi Arabia as Dep Cdr UK MOD Team, March 24: J. Hopkins to SHAPE as Dep Chf, Air Def Component, March 24: D. P. Earle to SHAPE as Chf, Arms Control Staff, March 28: A. Parkes to RAF Akrotiri as Stn Cdr, March 28.

WING COMMANDER (Acting Group Captain): R. P. Grant to MOD (AFD) Harrogate as DDSM2, March 24.

WING COMMANDERS: J. D. Jenkinson to 2ATAF Det Uedem as Soc3, March 27: G. R. Profit to D of PA as PA1 (RAF), March 28: C. Naylor to 14MU Carlisle as OC Sup Wing, March 24.

SQUADRON LEADER (Acting Wing Commander): D. I. Lewis to HQRAFG as Ops 2, March 26.

OBITUARY

MR R. L. SMITH-ROSE

Research into radio frequencies

Mr R. L. Smith-Rose, CBE, FCGI, FIEE, FIRE, FIC, who was Director of Radio Research at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, from 1948 to 1960, died on March 19 at the age of 85.

Reginald Leslie Rose was born on April 2, 1894, and educated at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, and the Imperial College of Science, where he gained a Board of Education, Royal Scholarship in 1912. He won the Imperial College Governor's Prize in Physics in 1914, graduating BSc with a first in physics in the same year. He gained his PhD in 1923.

He was an Assistant Engineer with Siemens Bros at Woolwich from 1915 to 1919 and from 1919 to 1933 was at the National Physical Laboratory as a Scientific Officer in the Electricity Division. He was a Principal Scientific Officer in the Radio Division from 1933 to 1939, and from 1939 to 1947 was Superintendent, Radio Division.

He was a member of various scientific and technical committees of government departments as well as of outside institutions. He was chairman of the Radio Section of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in 1942-43 and was a Member of the Institution's Council from 1953 to 1956 and again from 1960 to 1961. He was Vice-President from 1961 to 1964.

Smith-Rose was also a delegate to many international scientific radio conferences overseas and was President of the International Scientific Radio Union from 1960 to 1963. He was chairman of the Study Group V, International Radio Consultative Committee from 1951 to 1970, and was honoured at the 50th anniversary of the CCIR for his work on radio wave propagation. He was chairman of the Postmaster-General's Frequency Advisory Committee from 1960 and was Secretary General of the International Union Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Research from 1961 to 1973.

He was appointed CBE in 1952.

He married, in 1919, Elsie Masters. They had two daughters.

SIGNOR MANLIO BROSIO

K.T.N. writes:

May I offer a short note enlarging on that part of your obituary notice of Signor Manlio Brosio which relates to his service as Secretary General of Nato? Signor Brosio had indeed the ability to achieve a consensus as Chairman, whether of the Nato Council of Foreign Ministers, the Defence Planning Committee of Defence Ministers, or the regular meetings of permanent representatives (Ambassadors).

It could be said that this kind of diplomatic skill might almost be taken for granted in a man with his training and experience. But with Brosio it was much more than diplomacy. He was an ideal chairman: calm, courteous, attentive, firm when necessary, and above all a master of both the political and the more specialized Defence issues under discussion. His preparation for every meeting had been thorough and searching; every staff brief or draft had been discussed with its authors—and usually improved in the process. Add to these factors his fairness and impartiality and one begins to see how he came to enjoy the confidence of every Government in the Alliance and could find ways (inside or outside the committees) of bringing them together which they had not themselves perceived.

Brosio was indeed dignified in manner and he had a certain reserve. But his closer colleagues soon found in his hospitable home that he was too good an Italian to let solemnity of thought and purpose take over completely. Music, theatre, films, international sport, all made matter for good talk over good food and drink. He was deservedly admired and respected by all who knew him, and not least the international staff of which he was the head.

But there are very many who will remember him, and his charming and sympathetic wife Clotilde, with the greatest affection too.

SIR CYRIL HARRISON

Emrys Roberts writes:

May I add to your tribute to Sir Cyril Harrison. His achievement in the textile industry left the industry in modern shape when he grasped the opportunity offered by Courtaulds and ICI in 1963 to carry out the transformation which brought about the founding of a few strong and market-orientated companies, replacing the chaotic collection of firms, many with out-dated equipment and merchanting practices.

The nucleus of the new structure was the joining together of English Sewing Cotton Co Ltd and Tootal Ltd. I saw it from the Tootal side and worked closely with Sir Cyril in the five years from 1963 to 1968, never ceasing to admire his clear sense of purpose and strong direction in difficult days. Immersed in large business affairs, he remained nevertheless of simple personal habits and devoted to the Congregationalism of Lancashire as a part of his life.

Mr Harold Ivens Loten, MBE, who died on March 17 at the age of 92, was a member of the council of Hull University from 1945 to 1976 and chairman of the council and Pro-Chancellor from 1950 to 1971. He was a former Sheriff of the city and Count of Kingston upon Hull and a Justice of the Peace for the East Riding. Hull University made him an honorary LLD in 1956.

Science report

Physiology: Interacting hormones

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Dr Veldhuis and Dr Hammond were looking at the effects of prolactin on cultures of one of those kinds of cells, the granulosa cells, which produce progesterone. They addressed themselves in particular to an apparent paradox in the effects of prolactin on that tissue.

It had been known for some years that relatively low concentrations of prolactin, together with the appropriate gonadotropin, stimulated progesterone production by granulosa cells from human ovaries, suggesting that prolactin is implicated in normal follicle development.

But high concentrations of prolactin similar to those found during lactation or in certain pathological states inhibited progesterone production by granulosa cells. How could prolactin exert such opposing effects?

Dr Veldhuis and Dr Hammond now suggest that oestrogen may play a crucial part in modifying the effects of prolactin. Oestrogens are produced by follicle cells in response to stimulation by hormones from the pituitary gland and one of their functions in the ovary is thought to be the stimulation of growth and proliferation of granulosa cells.

Dr Veldhuis and Dr Hammond used granulosa tissue from pig ovaries to follow direct effects of prolactin and oestrogen on ovarian activity. Cells taken from immature follicles and treated with prolactin stopped making progesterone; short-term treatment with oestradiol, the natural oestrogen, did not overcome that inhibition, but when follicle cells were treated with oestradiol for 48 hours, progesterone production increased. Subsequent treatment with prolactin increased progesterone production still further.

In the pig the apparent reversal of prolactin's effects may reflect the maturation of granulosa cells, possibly mediated by oestrogen. Progesterone production by large mature pig follicles is in fact stimulated by prolactin. In that respect the pig differs from humans in whom high concentrations of prolactin are always inhibitory, regardless of the state of follicular development.

This work adds to the evidence that prolactin can affect the ovary directly. Thus the natural contraceptive effects of lactation, associated with high concentrations of prolactin, may not be due entirely to indirect action on the production of reproductive hormones in the pituitary.

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EEC forum demanded for traders in fats and bacon

Agriculture

Hugh Clayton

The National Farmers' Union of England and Wales said in its annual report: "It sometimes seems as though the NFU is the only body willing to promote better understanding of the common agricultural policy and the EEC in general. This lack of activity from other organizations is regretted."

Since then other organizations have become extremely active, but not in the way desired by the NFU. It has seemed in recent weeks as if other organizations have been queueing up to publicize views about farm prices that are utterly opposed to those of the union.

The latest in the queue is the United Kingdom Provision Trade Federation, a relatively new group which makes few public pronouncements. It was formed in 1976 to represent companies which import food. It also represents regional exchanges which date back to the foundation in the nineteenth century of the first provision exchanges.

Their purpose was to give to traders in fats and bacon a trading forum similar to those already established in corn exchanges. The present federation is concerned almost entirely with imports. Some of its members were among the few sceptics five years ago when most of the British food and farming industries campaigned for a large affirmative vote in the referendum about EEC membership.

The federation has sent a policy statement to Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Finn Gundelach, EEC Commissioner responsible for farming and fisheries. It calls for the common agricultural policy to be turned into a common food and agriculture policy. That is not an original concept. Almost every consumer group and food trade organization has sought it at least once in the past five years.

The interest of the federation's case lies in its concentration on products that are usually omitted from arguments about EEC farm policy. The dispute usually centres on milk, sugar, grain, beef, lamb and wine. Provisions traders deal in lard, tinned fruit and fish and dried fruit.

Lard is a particularly British product, regarded by our European neighbours in much the same light as other culinary oddities enjoyed by the island race like malt vinegar and salad cream. Mr Eric Edwards, chairman of the United Kingdom Provision Trade Federation, said that lard made from pig fat was by far the most popular cooking fat used in Britain.

Almost twice as much lard was used as oil and solid fats blended from vegetable and animal fats and fish oils. "This is unique in the EEC", Mr Edwards explained. Only a twentieth of the lard used in Britain was produced at home. The rest came from outside the Community and faced a tariff of 30 per cent of its price as it came in. Provisions traders want the levy to be cut to 7 per cent because the present rate provides far greater protection than EEC farmers require.

Fats have now become highly sensitive in EEC politics because of persistent surpluses of milk and olive oil. The surplus of the latter will be exacerbated when Spain, Greece and Portugal join the Community in the next few years. The European Commission is toying with the idea of taxing vegetable oils imported into the Community in order to protect internal olive producers against being undercut.

There is already widespread opposition in the Community to the use of North American vegetable oil in margarine in processed foods, and to the use of residues from oilseed crushing in livestock feeds. The importing of soyabeans into the EEC does not just displace butter from ice cream, it also reduces demand for skim milk powder in feeds for pigs and veal calves.

That, at least, is the view held by many farmers' organizations, and it is unlikely to encourage sympathy for a cut in tariffs against lard. The Community wants to keep imported fats out, not to encourage more to come in.

The provision trade federation bases its case on a belief that tariffs on many imported goods are much too high and raise consumer costs without benefiting farmers. Their case is similar to that of British bakers, which was discussed in this column a week ago. The bakers want EEC tariffs against North American wheat to be lowered.

Such claims seem full of sense in Britain. If implemented, however, they would reduce the amount of money flowing into EEC coffers. Since most of that money is used to pay for the common agricultural policy, demands for cuts in levies are seen by farmers' organizations as attempts to undermine support for farming.

The difficulties of the provision trade federation are made worse by the fact that it is not recognized as a negotiating body by the European Commission. The commission, as one of the main Community authorities, likes to listen only to lobbies which represent interest in all member states.

The provision trade federation said that it could not "join any of the surviving trade associations recognized by the commission as the producer/exporter goals of these bodies are unrepresentative of the federation approach". There could be no better illustration of the gulf between Britain and the rest of the Community.

mentary diary

of Commons

Debate on Government motion sition amendment on Olympic d Russian invasion of Afghani- endment rejected by 306 votes nd Government motion carried otes to 147. Adjournment de- t Channel tunnel. House ad- 10.56 pm.

Statement on school transport. ent Land Tax (Amendment) a first time. Social Security sidered on report and ad- Adjournment debate about policies. House adjourned. t (Wednesday).

Statement on talks about alter- st-Olympic Games. Cruise Mis- Bill read a first time. Social Bill completed the report d read the third time by 300 253. New Hebrides Bill passed mittee and remaining stages. ent debate about secondary organization in Bailey. House d, 1.25 am (Thursday).

Debate on EEC farm policy. ent debate about apple and ustry. House adjourned, mid-

Debate on the rural com- Betting, Gaming and Lotteries ent) Bill read a second time. ent debate about Bernard actory at Caernarvon. House d, 2.50 pm.

of Lords

Competition Bill and National Bill both read the third time and passed. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order agreed to. British Aerospace Bill completed the committee stage. Debate about road planning, second stage auditing. House adjourned, 9.55 pm.

Mar 18: Statement on school transport. Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill read a second time and passed the remaining stages. Reserve Forces Bill (Consolidation), Commons amendments considered. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments) (Amendment) Order agreed to National Health Service (Invalid Direction) Bill read a second time House adjourned, 4.36 pm.

March 19: Debates on cooperation between NHS and private medical services; the need to conserve energy; and on the closing of small village schools. House adjourned, 9.14 pm.

March 20: Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (No 2) Bill read a first time. County of Kent Bill read a second time. National Health Service (Invalid Direction) Bill passed the remaining stages. Motion to disapprove the statement on changes in immigration rules rejected by 103 votes to 35. Following Acts received Royal Assent: Residential Homes: Gaming (Amendment): Reserve Forces: Police Negotiating Board. Protection of Trading Interests. Bees: Slaughter of Animals (Scotland): Consolidated Fund: National Health Service (Invalid Direction): New Hebrides: County of Merseyside: West Midlands County Council: and the Deaconesses and Lay Workers (Pensions) Measure. House adjourned, 7.41 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Transport Bill, progress on remaining stages. Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and Redundant Mineworkers Concessionary Coal (Payments Scheme) Orders. Motion on EEC document on convergence and budgetary questions.

Tomorrow at 2.30: Transport Bill, completion of remaining stages. National Heritage Bill, Lords amendments. Motion on HMSO Trading Fund Order.

Wednesday: Budget statement. Opposed private Bill: Stevenage Development Authority Bill, second reading.

Thursday at 2.30: Continuation of budget debate.

Friday at 9.30: Private member's motion on Brandt report.

Select committees

Today: Home Affairs. Subject: Deaths in Police Custody. Witnesses: Mr Michael Meacher, MP; Association of Police Surgeons. Room 8, 4.30 p.m.

Public Accounts. Subject: Meat Industry Employment Schemes. Northern Ireland Housing Executive—rent and heating arrears. Witnesses: Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture; Northern Ireland Department of Environment, Room 16, 3.45 p.m.

Tomorrow: Transport. Subject: European Commission's Green Paper on Transport Infrastructure. Witnesses: Department of Transport, Room 6, 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Foreign Affairs. Subject: The consequences of Soviet expansion for British foreign policy: Particular countries. Witnesses: FCO. Yugoslavia. Witness: Mr F. Singleton. Room 15, 10.30 a.m.

Energy. Subject: The Government's statement on the new nuclear power programme. Witnesses: Health and Safety Executive: Nuclear Installations Inspectorate. Room 8, 10.45 a.m.

Industry and Trade. Subject: Follow-up to the Expenditure Committee Report on "Measures to prevent collisions and strandings of noxious cargo carriers in waters around the United Kingdom". Witnesses: Department of Trade, Room 16, 10.45 a.m.

Education Science and Arts. Subject: The funding and organization of courses in higher education. Witnesses: Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Room 6, 11 a.m.

Thursday: Home Affairs: Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration. Subject: Race Relations and the "sus" law. Witnesses: National Council for Civil Liberties. Room 15, 4.30 p.m.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Education (No. 2) Bill, report stage (First day). Consular Fees Bill, second reading.

Tomorrow at 2.30: Education (No. 2) Bill, conclusion of report stage. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland) Bill second reading.

Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on forestry and on life sentence prisoners.

Thursday at 3: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Companies Bill, Commons amendments.

Select committees

Wednesday: Unemployment. Witnesses: W. H. Robbins, ICI Europa, 10 a.m.

Father Agnellus, OFM

The episcopal ordination of Father Agnellus Andrew, OFM, as Bishop of Numana will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday, March 26, at 2.30 pm. Cardinal Hume will preside and the consecrating bishops will be: Cardinal Gray, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, senior cardinal on the Pontifical Commission for Communications; Archbishop Heim, Apostolic Delegate; and Bishop Holland of Salford, President of the Mass Media Commission for England and Wales.

Because of the many messages sent it has been impossible to issue individual invitations in all cases but Bishop-elect Agnellus hopes his friends will be able to attend the service in the cathedral and join him at a reception to be held afterwards in Archbishop's House, Westminster.

University news

London

Appointments to chairs

Professor C. D. Cowan, MA, PhD, director of the School of Oriental and African Studies, Oriental history from October 1. Professor B. R. Jones, BSc, professor of clinical ophthalmology, Rothes Professor of Preventive Ophthalmology from April 1. C. T. Shaw, MSc, associate professor of mining engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, mining, Imperial College. Dr K. M. Spyer, BSc, PhD, DSc, senior research fellow in physiology at Birmingham University, Sophia Jex-Blake Chair of Physiology, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, from October 1.

Appointments to readerships

Professor A. P. Dawid, BA, MA, professor of statistics and director of statistical laboratory, City University, probability and statistics, University College London. M. Hirst, BA, formerly lecturer in the history of art at Courtauld Institute, history of art at the Institute.

Heriot-Watt

Grants

£42,792 from the Science Research Council to Dr R. K. Mackenzie for investigation on structure-borne sound transmission through buildings; £20,282 from the Medical Research Council to Dr R. H. Wightman for investigation on the synthesis of inhibitors of asparagine synthetase as potential anti-tumour agents.

25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, March 24, 1955.

Hope dies hard in the Labour Party. For 20 years or more Mr Bevan has been kicking against the pricks of party loyalty, but only once, just 16 years ago, has he been (briefly) turned out. Not for another week will it be known whether he will have to go again. The nettle was not grasped yesterday. The question of expulsion was not even voted upon; instead a committee was appointed to seek assurances from him, yet again, of future good conduct. It would be rash to assume that the National Executive may not still bring its courage to the sticking point. Promises of better behaviour have not changed Mr Bevan in the past; they are not likely to do so now. His talents remain outstanding, his sense of responsibility slight, his aberrations regular. The question is what it always has been.

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Today. Dealings End, April 11. § Contango Day, April 14. Settlement Day, April 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

Stock outstanding £	Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
1100m	Treas	9½%	1980	99	+⅛	9.597	16.566
262m	Treas	3½%	1977-80	96¾	..	3.613	17.619
400m	Fund	5½%	1978-80	97½	..	5.356	16.542
400m	Exch	13%	1980	97⅞	-⅛	13.282	16.201
600m	Treas	11½%	1981	96¾	-⅛	11.871	15.350
443m	Treas	3½%	1979-81	91⅞	..	3.810	13.361
800m	Treas	9¾%	1981	94⅝	•-⅛	10.311	15.740
900m	Exch	8¼%	1981	92⅛	-⅛	8.961	15.620
700m	Exch	9½%	1981	92⅝	-⅛	10.222	15.428
[illegible]	Exch	3%	1981	[illegible]		3.795	12.234
600m	Exch	12¼%	1981	95[illegible]	-⅛	12.821	15.648
861m	Treas	8½%	1980-82	[illegible]	-⅛	9.485	15.251
400m	Treas	3%	1982	85½	-⅛	3.509	11.743
600m	Treas	14%	1982	[illegible]	-⅛	14.210	15.011
500m	Treas	[illegible]	1982	[illegible]	-⅛	9.463	15.095
[illegible]	Exch	9¼%	1982	[illegible]	-⅛	10.540	15.320
[illegible]	Exch	[illegible]	1983	[illegible]	-⅛	10.151	14.970
[illegible]	Exch	3%	1983	77½	-⅛	3.871	12.438
1250m	Treas	12%	1983	[illegible]	-⅛	13.026	15.391
[illegible]	Treas	[illegible]	1983	[illegible]	-⅛	10.442	15.026
—	Exch	[illegible]	1983	94⅛	-⅛	14.264	15.525
[illegible]	Exch	10%	1983	[illegible]	-⅛	11.723	15.299
—	Exch	14%	1984	[illegible]	-⅛	14.971	15.526
700m	Fund	[illegible]	1982-84	77½	-⅛	7.087	13.183
1100m	Exch	11½%	1984	[illegible]	-⅛	12.739	15.312
[illegible]	Exch	3%	1984	[illegible]	.	4.259	12.316
1050m	Treas	12%	1984	[illegible]	•-⅛	13.300	15.169
[illegible]	Treas	15%	1985	99⅝	-⅛	15.047	15.030

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DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
17.5m	AAH	124	-4	10.6	8.6	8.2
960,000	AC Cars	48	..	..	..	..
22.7m	AGB Research	163	..	8.6b	5.3	19.6
2,437,000	AI Ind Prod	35	-1	..	..	7.1
[illegible]	APV Hldgs	163	-10	9.4b	5.8	3.9
16.6m	Aaronson Bros	63	-5	6.0	9.5	5.1
43.5m	Acrow	71	-17	4.3	6.0	4.7
21.4m	Do A	35	-2	4.3	12.3	2.3
34.5m	Adwest Group	162	-12	9.6	6.0	6.4
10.6m	Aeron't & Gen	248	-5	4.0	1.6	22.6
1,539,000	Aero Needles	36	-1	3.5	9.7	12.3
3,635,000	Airfix Ind	14	-3½	5.2	37.4	2.2
—	Akzo	510	-15	54.2	10.6	..
42.0m	Alcan Alum UK	95	-1	9.4	9.9	6.4
6,000,000	Do 10½%	£75	..	1050	14.0	..
1,339,000	Allen W. G.	36	..	4.2	11.6	3.6
45.3m	Allied Colloids	106	-4	3.6	3.4	16.6
4,930,000	Allied Plant	34	+½	2.3	6.6	7.9
12.1m	Alpine Hldgs	110	-4	5.3	4.8	10.5
17.0m	Amal Metal	271	-9	12.9	4.7	8.4
[illegible]	Amal Power	76	-12	8.6	11.3	2.0
3,857,000	Amber Day	25	-2½	4.0	16.0	2.4
887,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	34	-1	0.9	2.7	4.9
2,277,000	Anchor Chem	80	-2	7.0	8.8	5.9
35.7m	Anderson Strath	68	-4	4.3	6.3	7.6
8,279,000	Anglia TV 'A'	65	-2	5.1	7.8	5.5
229.1m	Anglo Amer Ind	£9½	-1	64.7	6.9	4.8
5,357,000	Appleyard	67	-5	8.9b	13.3	3.6
3,029,000	Aquascutum 'A'	34	-1	2.7	7.8	7.1
4,913,000	Arenson Hldgs	49	..	2.5	5.1	3.6
2,455,000	Arlen Elec	65	-1	6.4	9.9	7.3
4,487,000	Arlington Mtr	100	-5	12.9	12.9	3.5
24.5m	Armitage Shanks	78	b -2	5.2	6.6	9.3
32.1m	Ass Biscuit	77	-4	6.1	7.9	7.0
6,757,000	Ass Book	196	-7	8.8	4.6	4.9
311.7m	Ass Brit Food	87	-2	4.1b	4.8	6.2
56.9m	Ass Comm 'A'	105	..	11.4	10.9	6.2
62.3m	Ass Engineer	63½	-1	8.6	13.5	4.6
11.5m	Ass Fisheries	66	+5	1.4	2.2	17.4
[illegible]	Ass Leisure	[illegible]	-3½	6.5	7.2	7.4
79.0m	Ass News	260	-10	11.8	4.5	7.0
5,410,000	Ass Paper	38	..	5.2	13.7	2.8
978,000	Ass Tooling	56	..	4.9	8.8	14.8
6,229,000	Astbury & Mdley	103	..	3.1	3.0	7.0
1,312,000	Atkins Bros	41	..	6.3	15.5	4.6
700,000	Audiotronic	6	..	0.1e	1.2	..
1,050,000	Do Pref	7	..	..	..	..
9,431,000	Ault & Wiborg	45	-6	3.3	6.9	2.7

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
7,385,000	Downing G. H.	122	..	11.1	9.1	4.6
222.4m	Dowty Grp	165	-10	6.4	3.9	9.5
7,690,000	*Drake & Scull*	42	-2	3.2	7.6	6.8
6,006,000	Dreamland Elec	56	-2	3.1b	5.6	9.9
3,325,000	Dufay	30	-3	4.2	14.1	8.3
78.3m	Dunlop Hldgs	59	-1	8.0	13.6	13.0
9,456,000	Duple Int	23	-½	2.1	9.0	3.3
71.9m	Duport	51½	-1½	7.5	14.5	4.7
4,324,000	Durapipe Int	44	-1	3.5	8.0	5.2
531,000	Dykes J. Hldgs	15	-1	0.1	0.9	..
267.0m	EBES	£29	-1	390	13.8	..
6,773,000	ERF Hldgs	91	-3	4.9	5.2	2.1
1,507,000	E Lancs Paper	66	-2	6.8	10.4	2.6
9,453,000	Eastern Prod	90	+2	6.4	7.1	8.0
9,629,000	*Edbro*	116	-2	12.9	11.1	4.9
8,128,000	Eleco Hldgs	67	-2	4.3	6.4	5.8
6,420,000	EIS	56	-2	4.7	8.0	8.2
102.2m	Electrocomps	511	-7	12.1	2.4	19.0
197.2m	Electrolux 'B'	£10¼	..	65.3	6.4	8.0
182.3m	Electr'nic Rent	105	-1	6.2b	5.9	10.8
13.6m	Elliott B.	234	-12	17.5	6.9	5.8
5,232,000	Ellis & Everard	122	-4	8.6	7.0	10.9
4,007,000	Ellis & Gold	19½	-1	3.1	15.6	3.4
8,712,000	Elson & Robbins	88	-1	7.1b	8.1	3.4
5,675,000	Elswick Hopper	15½	-1	1.5	9.9	5.2
54.1m	Empire Stores	166	-6	6.9	4.2	14.1
9,560,000	Energy Serv	25½	-1	0.8	3.1	11.5
1,647,000	English & O'seas	16	-1	1.3	7.8	6.7
130.5m	Eng China Clay	86½	• -2	7.1	6.3	5.8
257.1m	Ericsson	£10	+¼	61.0	6.1	13.6
5,297,000	Erith & Co	112	..	9.4	8.4	9.7
11.3m	Esperanza	96	-4	9.6	10.0	6.7
3,649,000	Eucalyptus Pulp	98	-5	6.1	6.2	7.0
114.5m	Euro Ferries	108½	-4	6.4b	5.9	4.8
34.5m	Eurotherm Int	305	-20	6.4	2.1	16.9
2,241,000	Eva Industries	56	-3	7.7	13.7	4.9
7,162,000	Evode Hldgs	45	+1	2.0	4.4	5.6
9,185,000	Ewer G.	52	-1	3.4	6.6	6.7
2,766,000	Excalibur	19	-1	2.0	10.4	3.9
15.5m	Exch Telegraph	166	..	9.0	5.4	9.9
12.5m	Expand Metal	56	-2	621b	..	7.5

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
7,800,000	FMC	78	..	8.6	11.0	12.3
1,383,000	Fairbairn L'son	12	f ..	..	..	..
27.6m	Fairclough Cons	63	-3	5.7	9.1	3.9
25.0m	Fairview Est	233	-6	11.3	4.8	3.8
3,674,000	Farmer S. W.	158	..	13.1	8.3	4.3
44.3m	Farnell Elect	288	-10	4.6	1.6	23.3
6,473,000	Fed Lnd & Build	61	-2	4.2	6.9	13.7
4,445,000	Feedex Ltd	34	-1	1.9	5.7	7.7

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
21.9m	Romney Trust	78	-5	5.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.3m	Rothschild	296	-11	13.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
9,900,000	Safeguard	90	+1	6.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
37.5m	Scot Amer	94	-2½	5.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
4,192,000	Scot & Merc 'A'	131	-5	6.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
50.6m	Scot Eastern	56½	-2½	4.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
3,400,000	Scot European	36	-2	2.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
74.5m	Scot Invest	88	-5	5.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.1m	Scot Mortgage	108	-2½	6.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
46.2m	Scot National	143	-4	6.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
40.0m	Scot Northern	76	-4	3.6b	[illegible]	[illegible]
63.1m	Scot United	37	-2½	3.1b	[illegible]	[illegible]
29.5m	Sec Alliance	154	-12	10.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
25.6m	Sterling Trust	162	-5	11.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
34.3m	Stockholders	87	-7	4.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
9,300,000	*Throg Sec 'Cap'*	92	-4	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
35.8m	Throgmtn Trust	85	-3	7.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
19.4m	Trans-Oceanic	162	-7	8.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
17.1m	Tribune Inv	67	-2	2.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
16.0m	Triplevest 'Inc'	67	-½	8.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
9,420,000	Do Cap	157	-10	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
47.2m	Trustees Corp	53	-1	3.3b	[illegible]	[illegible]
8,829,000	Tyneside Inv	134	-2	7.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
29.5m	Utd Brit Secs	112	-8	6.5b	[illegible]	[illegible]
58.7m	Utd States Deb	51½	-3	6.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
14.5m	Utd States Gen	150	-9	12.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
16.6m	Viking Res	166	-11	1.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
68.6m	Witan Inv	81	-3½	4.6b	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.6m	Yeoman Tst	190	-7	15.4b	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,130,000	Yorks & Lancs	29½	-½	1.5b	[illegible]	[illegible]
6,497,000	Young Co Inv	99	-1	6.0b	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
92.9m	Brit & Comm	295	-5	17.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
38.4m	Fisher J.	330	+8	5.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
102.1m	Furness Withy	351	h -5	13.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
53.0m	Hunting Gibson	305	-10	15.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
8,409,000	Jacobs J. I.	38½	-1	3.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
22.3m	*Manch Liners*	185	-20	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
115.8m	Ocean Trans	106½	+6	12.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
154.7m	P & O 'Dfd'	106½	-2	9.4	[illegible]	[illegible]

MINES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
234.9m	Ang Am Coal	£10	+½	484	[illegible]	[illegible]
2,759.7m	Ang Am Corp	812¼	+¼	29.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,701.2m	Anglo Am Gold	577½	+3½	418	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,050.6m	Anglo Am Inv	£185	+9½	481	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.3m	Anglo Transvl	£17	-1½	92.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
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5,801,000	Assam Inv	127	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]	
9,633,000	Camellia Inv	360	-5	5.7	1.5	
14.4m	McLeod Russel	358	-2	19.3	5.4	
1,014,000	Moran	290	-5	14.3	4.9	
1,184,000	Surmah Valley	148		5.0	3.4	
12.7m	Warren Plant	152	-11	13.6b	8.9	

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
31.1m	Algoma Cen Rly	£9½	..	26.0	2.7	[illegible]
1,633,000	Calcutta Elec	43	..	14.0	32.6	[illegible]
—	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	241	-½	490	12.0	[illegible]
1,074,000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	30	-1	350	12.1	[illegible]
3,920,000	Gt Nthn Tele	£7	-½	142	20.2	[illegible]
238.8m	Imp Cont Gas	714	-14	25.7	9.6	[illegible]
1,037,000	Milford Docks	133	-2	8.0b	6.0	[illegible]
2,517,000	*Nesco Inv*	121	-2	9.0	7.4	[illegible]
—	Sunderlnd Wtr	£30	+1½	350	11.7	[illegible]

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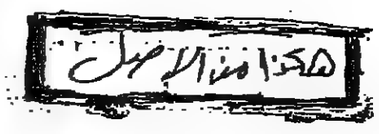

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NatWest set to challenge building societies for home loans market

By Adrienne Gleeson

National Westminster, one of Britain's "Big Four" High Street banks, is ready to launch an aggressive challenge to the building societies' dominance of the home loans market.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, NatWest's chairman, in his annual statement out today, said that the bank has plans to establish a home loans unit "for whose services we see a considerable demand".

So far, attempts to establish such a unit have been inhibited by the Government's controls on the expansion of bank lending, the 'corset". Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, will make a statement on the future of the corset in his Budget speech on Wednesday, but the bank does not expect relaxation in the immediate future.

NatWest, which recorded pretax profits up from £305m to £441m, is "ready to launch" a home loans scheme "as soon as circumstances permit" according to Mr Leigh-Pemberton. Mr Maurice Denton, general manager ofw domestic banking, said yesterday that the scheme could come into effect almost immediately if the corset restrictions were lifted. Otherwise, he said, it would be necessary to wait until the bank had significant amount available to lend under the corset restrictions.

Mr Denton confirmed that, unlike the present facilities offered by most of the clearing banks, the scheme would not be restricted to large borrowers in exceptional circumstances; nor would its total scope be restricted, as is the scheme operated by Lloyds Bank, which made £20m initially available for home loans.

He said it was unlikely that the bank would be trying for the busines of the first-time borrower, partly because the building societies have the edge on rates.

But the minimum amount loande could be in the region of £20,000 though this would depend on the level of house prices when the scheme is launched—and the bank would be aiming to lend for up to 20 years.

At first, the bank would be aiming to lend at a margin over base rate. Mr Denton said that it would aim to keep its rates more stable than base rate has been recently, "although we obviously don't want to be lending at a loss". However, Mr Jeffrey Benson, group chief executive, said that the bank was also toying with the idea of making loans available at a fixed rate, at least for part of the term.

Mr Benson said that the bank did not see itself as tackling the building societies head on. "We shall not be lending far and wide like the building societies", he said. However, if the bank's plans for "picking up the top end of the market" proved to be successful, and if funds were available, it was possible that the scheme might be extended.

Hitherto the clearing banks have largely refrained from tackling the home loans market, though there have been small scale schemes, like that started by Lloyds Bank in January last year, and that run by Yorkshire Bank in cooperation with the National Coal Board for the purchase of miners' houses.

Another reason for the banks refraining from home loans business has been their conviction that the money deposited with them was, or ought to be, repayable on demand. However, recent ventures into medium-term lending, to both commercial borrowers and the home improvements market, have tended to undermine this conviction—particularly, as Mr Denton pointed out, as monthly repayments would provide the banks with a high degree of flexibility in the average term of their liabilities.

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'Think tank' backs British nuclear stations

By Nicholas Hirst and Bill Johnstone

The Cabinet committee on energy, chaired by the Prime Minister, will today be recommended to go ahead with the first stage of the Government's programme of nuclear expansion and confirm the ordering of two second generation British-designed advanced gas cooled (AGR) nuclear power stations.

Under discussion will be a report by the Central Policy Review Staff, the Government's "think tank", to assess the effect on the nuclear component industry of cancelling or postponing work on either the Central Electricity Generating Board's station at Heysham or the South of Scotland Electricity Board's order for Torness.

Although its recommendation is that the effects on the industry would be too dire to cancel or postpone, it is possible that the decision could go the other way.

Industry leaders have remained intensely worried over the outcome of the review staff deliberations, which have taken place against a background of a sharp reduction in forecast electricity demand by the generating board, which overspent its cash limit by £200m last year as a result of coal stockpiling in advance of a rise in consumption which never happened.

The demand for the review staff to report before the Budget created the impression that the AGRs were to be sacrificed as part of the cuts in the public sector borrowing requirement.

However, the electricity boards and the nuclear industry look to have put a strong enough case to swing the Cabinet in favour of allowing the programme to continue. The Department of Energy is anxious to go ahead with both Heysham and Torness. It will give the nuclear industry vital work between now and 1982 or 1983, when the first American-designed Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) is to be ordered, and will detract from the possibility of an end to the bipartisan approach to nuclear power which the present Government has fostered.

Over the weekend, intense lobbying by the nuclear component suppliers has continued. Lord McAlpine, an important figure in the nuclear industry and supporter of the Conservative Party, is believed to have visited the Prime Minister to present the views of the AGR manufacturers.

The AGR lobby feared that Mrs Thatcher preferred the PWR and would be sympathetic to ditching the British design on the excuse that it would not be needed to meet demand and would be a useful saving of government spending.

In a speech at the weekend Dr David Owen, Opposition energy spokesman, gave a clear hint that a continuation of the AGR programme would be necessary for Labour's support of cautious nuclear expansion. Because of the lead times involved in power station building, a bipartisan policy is essential for success.

The generating board has been pressing for an increase in its planned £187m cash limit for 1980-81 to enable it to continue with both the nuclear programme and other plans. At one time, it seemed the limit might be reduced, delaying Heysham station.

As it is, it is believed that the limit will be reaffirmed in the Budget and Heysham will be protected, unless the Cabinent decides otherwise. Consumption in Scotland is believed to be holding up stronger than in England and Wales, and if a cancellation were to be made Torness might still survive.

But the Department of Energy has been anxious for a programme announced only three months ago not to be tampered with on the strength of a mild winter and suspect projection of demand.

Regional grants for coal board to end

By Our Energy Correspondent

Regional grants to the National Coal Board, which totalled £50m in 1978-79, are to be ended by a government Bill held up so far because of the steel strike.

The Bill, to put the coal board's finances on a better footing to promote its £600m a year expansion plan, is in the final stages of preparation and will be placed before Parliament as soon as possible.

The effect of ending the regional grants will be to reduce sharply the level of NCB published profit. Initially, however, the NCB will not lose financially because the loss will be made up by a new system of "deficit grants".

It is felt that the number and size of grants paid to the coal board, which totalled £172m in 1978-79, produce an unreal profit figure which disguises the true state of the finances.

With productivity and output at last beginning to improve, the Government believes it is time the NCB moved more into the harsh world of commercial reality and was less protected by grants designed for times when coal was a more expensive way of generating electricity than oil.

It is intended that the deficit grants will be phased out as the NCB's profitability improves. Being funds to meet a loss they will not be able to be used, as the regional grants were, to bolster published profits.

The Coal Bill will also promote new schemes to assist miners to move from the high cost unprofitable pits, particularly in South Wales, to the newer high productivity profitable mines such as Selby and, if the go-ahead is given from the planning inquiry, the proposed pit at the Vale of Belvoir in north-east Leicestershire.

It is hoped that a system of deficit grants will enable the NCB's progress to be closely monitored. It will no longer be possible for it to rely on continuing subventions from the state. But it may mean that the board will be pushed into closing older pits faster than the miners would like.

A key part of the government's plans for the coal industry will be the success of the policy to persuade miners to move. As it is designed the productivity pay scheme can give pay rises to miners without the total output of the NCB rising.

More curbs Proposed on secondary disruption

By Patricia Tisdall

The Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) has joined other industry representatives in seeking tighter legal curbs on secondary industrial disruption in the Employment Bill.

In submissions made tothe Government at the weekend, the EEF says the proposals to add an extra clause restricting secondary action could create confusion. Like the Confederation of British Industry, it is worried that the Department of Employment's description gives too many loopholes.

Mr Anthony Frodsham, the EEF's director general says that his members think the Government's description should only be adopted if some other, more precise definition cannot be found.

As an alternative, the federation suggests that immunity for breach of commercial contract should only be available where companies are actually continuing to handle goods involving the employer subject to the primary dispute.

It wants to protect those activities of suppliers and customers which have no connexion with the employer. It also suggests that immunity should only be granted if the secondary action had the objective of affecting the employer in dispute and "was capable of achieving this effect".

In the longer term the EEF, which negotiates national agreements on behalf of its 6,500 member companies' two million employees, believes that all secondary industrial action should be banned. However it is prepared to support the much more limited restraints proposed for the time being, given the constraint of achieving an urgently needed measure of reform in the Employment Bill".

In its submission, the federation gave notice of its intention to seek much stronger measures in the Green Paper on the whole question of immunities

The proposed new clause on secondary action is intended to change the law to uphold Lord Denning's rulings (later overturned in the House of Lords) in Express Newspapers v MacShane, and Duport Steels and others v Sirs and others which involved independent steel producers. Clause 14 of the Employment Bill will limit secondary picketing, but the Government believed, in the light of the House of Lords judgments given after the Bill was published, that further legislative measures were needed to restrict secondary blacking and strike

The EEF has now joined other industry leaders, including the Institute of Directors and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce as well as the CBI, in making it clear that they regard the Employment Bill only as a stop-gap measure.

Tourism could benefit from low interest loans

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Low-interest loans for tourism development are being discussed with the European Investment Bank which until now has been offering help mainly to British manufacturers and schemes like transport improvements.

The proposal has been put forward by regional boards which operate under the aegis of the English Tourist Board (ETB), but if government talks with the bank are successful the scheme is expected to benefit tourism throughout the United Kingdom.

The loans would carry an interest rate of around 13 per cent after allowing for currency adjustments. But it is not expected that such soft loans would be available to the larger companies like the big hotel chains. In England, for instance, the allocation of loans would also be under the surveillance of the ETB.

Improvement schemes aimed at developing tourism potential involving investments between about £50,000 and £2m are expected to be the main candidates for such loans. Such cheaply serviced investments could make a great difference to the rate of both new hotel building and refurbishing of existing hotels.

Another way of relieving the effects of high interest rates is also being considered by the ETB which may divert more of its grant aid cash in future entirely for this purpose.

But the ETB is still waiting for a decision on the level of grants it will be able to offer during the next financial year. Its spending in this period has already been cut to just over £4m because of last November's public expenditure cuts and a further reduction is possible.

An appeal for greater investment in tourism has been made by Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the ETB. He said at the weekend: "We are only scratching the surface of the potential for tourism development in this country."

Tourism, a growth industry, would become more important as a source of income and jobs, but with competition growing fiercer from tourist areas abroad. Britain needed to plan the attractions, accommodation and facilities to bring more tourists to this country, Mr Montague added.

Call for new controls on textile imports

Lancashire textile leaders are to submit detailed proposals to the Government soon calling for an overall 10 per cent reduction in the value of imports. At present quotas allow for continued growth in textile imports from low cost countries.

The move was disclosed at the weekend by Mr Ernest Cummins, president of the British Textile Employers Association, and comes not long after a ministerial statement that the Government would resist pressure to introduce more strict controls on imports.

Mr Cummins believed the Government would soon be forced to recognize the extremely serious state to which the textile industry had deteriorated. He conceded that many people would consider the industry's demands unreasonable.

"Nevertheless the industry must ask the Government to make selective cutbacks in the volume of imports of all textiles and clothing, cuts which in total will be equivalent to 10 per cent of the 1979 total imports from all sources.

"This new level should remain frozen and the cuts only restored in line with any future growth of the economy."

This is the first time that the industry has specified the scale of action it believes to be necessary if the present rapid contraction is to be halted.

Mr Cummins said: "We in the textile industry must point out that unless something special is done right away, there will be nothing left to flourish when the sunshine arrives".

His audience included Department of Industry officials and Mr Richard Weir, of the Retail Consortium, which has spoken out frequently against import controls.

Meanwhile the British Textile Confederation is preparing a policy review on world trade in textiles after 1981. This will aim at influencing government thinking in the run up to negotiations to produce a new framework for trade after the present Multi Fibre Arrangement expires.

Mr Cummins explained that present controls were often imperfect and imprecise. "But the principle is not vague: We are entitled to be safeguarded against unfair trade".

Britain could win assembly line for the next European Airbus

By Arthur Reed, Air Correspondent

The assembly line for the next European airliner project could be in Britain rather than in France under plans being discussed by Airbus Industrie, the six-nation Aerospace consortium.

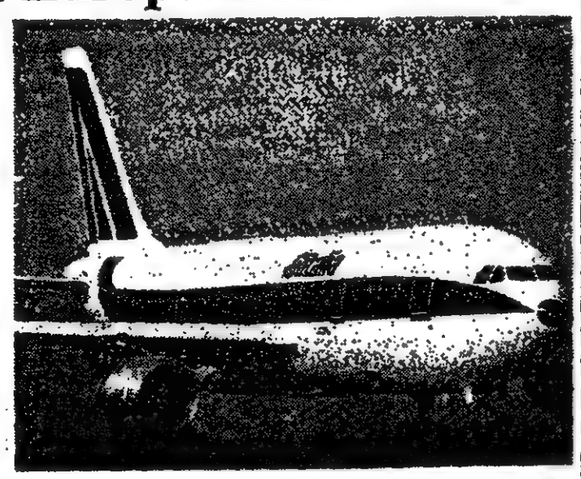
Airbus will decide what type of airliner to make next by the end of this year. If the choice is for a big, wide-bodied airliner, it will be put together in Toulouse, south-west France.

But if a smaller airliner with around 150 seats is selected, the job of assembling it from parts made in Europe, plus flight testing, will almost certainly be given to Britain.

This is because the assembly facilities at Toulouse are too stretched fulfilling orders for A300 and A310 airbuses, to be able to cope with a new aircraft.

A new assembly line would create many hundreds of new jobs in the British Aircraft industry. British Aerospace is already retruiting steadily as it gears up to increase production of wings for the A300 and A310 from the present three sets a month, to four a month next year, five a month in 1982, six a month in 1983, eight a month in 1984, and possibly ten a month by 1985.

Senior executives of British Aerospace will soon decide which of their factories will be expanded to cope with the large volume of extra work which this programme entails. One option which they are looking at is a new factory on a "green field" site.



The A300 Airbus: five British factories make parts for the wings.

British Aerospace is a 20 per cent partner in Airbus Industrie. Five of its factories make parts for the wings and these are assembled at Chester from where they are shipped to Toulouse for joining up with other Airbus sections made in France, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Spain.

Throughout Europe the number of people working on Airbus production will rise from the present 18,000 to 45,000 in 1985 as the production rate goes up.

The increased output is necessary to meet record sales, logged last year by the Airbus consortium. It set a sales target of 100 aircraft in 1979, but actually sold 132. The order book now contains the names of 33 airlines, and is virtually full until 1985.

Opposition to Fourth Channel monopoly

The Government faces a challenge from some MPs over its plans to extend the ITV companies' monopoly in the sale of airtime to the new Fourth Channel.

A number of amendments have been tabled to the Broadcasting Bill which is now going through the committee stage and which, when it becomes law in the summer, will provide the framework for the channel.

A number of the amendments call for further discussions about airtime selling arrangements, though it is understood that at least two propose alternative systems.

The Government extended the monopoly of the ITV companies because it believed that competitive selling between the two commercial channels would lead to a ratings war which would lower the standards of both services and lead to an American-style clamour for high audience ratings.

The ITV companies will not however have a majority on the board of the proposed Fourth Channel company which will control the content of the service.

The prospect of a ratings war has been strongly denied by the advertising industry which is still smarting from last year's 10-week independent television strike which soured relations between advertisers and the companies.

The advertising industry argues that because the Independent Broadcasting Authority will be required to approve Fourth Channel programming schedules there will be a powerful control against the onset of a ratings war.

The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers (ISBA) has further criticized the companies for operating "unfair practices" by restricting airtime sales to force up prices, packaging together peak and off-peak time, and using discriminatory pricing in the preparation of the highly complex commercial television ratecards.

Mr Kenneth Miles, the director of ISBA, said yesterday: "They play around with selling airtime in what is a one-sided way. The sale of airtime is not at all a transparent action. In each region there is one seller and a multitude of buyers."

The ISBA has called for the setting up of independent regional agents who would not have seats on the Channel Four management board and consequently could not influence programming.

It is thought that some of the amendments may come up for discussion when the Bill comes before standing committee next week.

The possibility of such amendments had been expected from MPs who favour the advertising lobby, but it is believed that some of those tabled have come from a broader section of backbench opinion.

Too many problems yet for fixed monetary system to be established

The world must float along for a few more years

The foreign exchange market is gloomy and confused, with no apparent end to the stresses and strains so evident in recent years. A decade of turmoil has failed to produce visionary and practical plans for restoring any sense of order.

No major initiatives seem likely at the ministerial interim committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Hamburg in late April. The White House has played a constructive role since November, 1978, but now in this election year it is too concerned with other matters to pay much attention to the currency scene.

The prevailing IMF view—and the one most official monetary authorities share—might be realistic but is hardly encouraging. It asserts that there can be no hope of building a significantly sturdier system so long as there is international price instability and chronic payments imbalances. Further, it stresses that it will take some years to unwind today's pressing destabilizing economic difficulties, and this leaves no option other than several more years of floating exchange rates.

This could be viewed as a disastrous prospect. It can be argued that floating rates merely dampen world trade, enhance price instability and that their continuation assures a still bleaker global economic future.

One could assert that a fixed rate system would impose a discipline on governments which regard floating rates as convenient because they are able to continually postpone taking tough anti-inflation and adjusting payments.

This approach has its intellectual attractions, but its pragmatic drawbacks. Why should governments that did not bow to the disciplines of the Bretton Woods system but instead allowed it to collapse now show sufficient determination to secure the survival of a new fixed rate system?

The answer is that back in the 1960s governments did not know just how disastrous floating rates could be. The experience of the 1970s has underscored the need to return to fixed rates

But there is not much evidence that most finance ministers view floating rates as a disaster. Certainly there seems little IMF conviction that governments are ready yet to subject themselves to the external discipline that would be imposed by trying to establish fixed rates.

The last year has seen huge central bank intervention in the markets to smooth out sharp fluctuations in floating rates. The intervention route simply would not work today as it did nork in the early 1970s to maintain fixed rates.

The only means of securing fixed rates is far tougher anti-inflation policies in numerous key countries and far more stringent policies to eliminate huge payments imbalances. Such policies could, however, hurl the industrial economies into a severe and bitter slump.

This is one reason why so many monetary authorities are in no haste to move to a more stable currency system. But such a discussion is relevant now, not merely because of the continuing volatility of the exchange markets but because it is possible that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France may have some new fixed rate plans up his sleeve. There are hints that he may propose new initiatives—perhaps the use of a European Monetary System approach on a much wider basis—at the economic summit conference of the leaders of Britain, France, West Germany, the United States, Canada, Japan and Italy in Venice in late June.

Such initiatives are unlikely to generate strong multilateral support. But the hard truth is that the global monetary system is in a mess and there is distinct need for action. President Giscard, it is to be hoped, may stimulate a fresh debate, which might not end with fixed rates—but could include useful steps in that direction.

President Giscard: may have some new fixed rate plans.

Frank Vogl

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
$	2.05	1.98
Can	30.40	28.90
Fr	71.25	67.75
$	2.62	2.55
Kr	13.25	12.70
Dutch	8.90	8.50
Fr	9.82	9.42
DM	4.28	4.06
Kr	89.00	85.00
Lr	11.35	10.75
Fd	1.13	1.09
	1965.00	1875.00
	565.00	540.00
nds Gld	4.68	4.45

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Norway Kr	11.50	11.00
Portugal Esc	112.50	106.50
South Africa Rd	1.85	1.72
Spain Pes	155.00	148.00
Sweden Kr	9.90	9.50
Switzerland Fr	4.05	3.83
USA $	2.23	2.17
Yugoslavia Dnr	51.50	48.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Priorities from the Budget

Since coming to office ten months ago, financial markets have been giving the Conservative Government the benefit of the doubt. The Conservatives have been making the sort of noises that the City likes to hear and the moves to cut public spending and the ending of exchange controls has proved to many that the authorities can turn words into action.

Admittedly the sharp rise in interest rates last year has taken the stuffing out of the gilt-edged market and equities in recent weeks have become increasingly preoccupied with the likely squeeze on corporate liquidity — already well signalled by the stream of poor company profits — as the recession deepens.

How long this honeymoon will continue given the unfavourable international climate, both for trade and interest rates, increased pressure on sterling as the dollar recovers and the mounting difficulties of the corporate sector depends on the tone the budget sets.

In front of the Budget, financial markets are showing signs of nerves but are holding up reasonably well. The central concern of the City is the size of the public sector borrowing requirement and there will be some disappointment if this emerges much above the £8,500-£9,000m level and it will want some reassurance in the medium-term financial plan that the money supply will be kept on the straight and narrow.

With the White Paper on public spending coinciding with the Budget this year, the market will, after the Cabinet disagreements of recent weeks, want to see firm indications that spending cuts will be adhered to.

There is however unlikely to be more concrete news in the Budget to help the gilt-edged market since the money supply trends of recent months provide the Chancellor with little scope for a cut in MLR.

Equities too are unlikely to find much comfort in the Budget since apart from a reduction in the employer's national insurance surcharge and assistance to companies who will be unable to benefit from stock relief because of a temporary fall in stocks, corporate liquidity will remain just as strained.

But the promised reform of capital taxes and incentives along French lines for small investors should help to make equities more attractive longer term. More parochially traded options could have the uncertainty of their tax treatment removed.

National Westminster

A challenge to building societies

Modestly tucked away in National Westminster's latest annual report is a minor bombshell for the building societies. This is the revelation that the bank is well advanced with plans to move into the mortgage business in a fairly big way once the present controls on bank lending end.

To date Lloyds has gained a lot of kudos in being the clearer most publicly associated with housing finance, although all the other banks claim to have broadly similar facilities available should a customer have the temerity to ask. But the Lloyds home-loan scheme has been aimed at the top end of the market for which there has been "considerable demand" according to the latest annual report.

And while Lloyds likes to refer to its scheme as "the borderline of competition with the building societies" only £20m was committed to it at the outset and it was in no way intended to attack the societies head on.

NatWest however is proposing something much more ambitious. While the outlines of its scheme also suggest that it is not intended as a direct challenge to the societies —after all NatWest's cost of funds means that 15 per cent mortgages are a pipe dream —it is for the first time treading into some of the societies' traditional territory, paving the way for a more concerted banking assault on the societies.

Hitherto, the banks have shied away from the housing finance field, partly because of the tax advantages enjoyed by the building societies, particularly the composite rate, meant they could always undercut the banks, and partly because conventional banking business holds that you do not lend long and borrow short.

The world has now moved on a bit. With the push into medium-term corporate lending and to a lesser extent personal loans as well, banks now have a much better feel for liability management while regular mortgage payments and the satisfactory bad debt record in the housing field has convinced the bank that this area of business is not quite the minefield they once thought.

Building societies, too, are changing their spots. Last week the chairman of the BSA said that the mortgage rate cartel was likely to go and increasingly the societies are gearing themselves up to dip into the wholesale money markets if they are to satisfy mortgage demand, which will push up their cost of money.

All of which NatWest plainly feels provides it with scope to take up the mortgage mantle on not too unequal terms. And it is after all the last major financial service in which the clearing banks have yet to get a foothold after the major expansion of their activities in the past decade.

After all that the annual report is pretty tame stuff. NatWest is inching towards more disclosure in providing more detail about its income and expenditure although after the shock of Iran a geographical breakdown of its profits would have been more welcome.

The next major step for the clearers on the disclosure score is probably more information on the maturity structure of assets and liabilities. But that is some way off.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, chairman of National Westminster Bank

Meanwhile, NatWest's balance sheet is benefiting from the tapering off of the substantial capital spending programme of recent years related to the Tower, Coutts and the computing centre. True the free capital ratio has slipped from 4.2 to 3.9 in a period when those of the other banks have improved a little.

But this is entirely down to the purchase of National Bank of North America, where a $25m capital transfusion has taken the total cost up to $456m, and the £88m of goodwill that has now been written off.

NBNA has yet to prove itself and the part financing of it through a $100m floating rate note is probably costing more than NatWest bargained for. But the dollar is strengthening and NBNA was bought at the trough of its profitability, and its problems are slowly being ironed out.

Eurobonds

A false dawn

In the short-term at least the Carter package of a week ago has brought some welcome relief to the hard-pressed dollar markets. The immediate effect last week was to prompt a rise in short-term rates, which in turn generated strong demand for dollars. Short rates accordingly eased back again and the Eurodollar bond market moved healthily ahead.

In this encouraging climate the first straight Eurodollar bond issue since Christmas, a $125m three-and-a-half-year issue for Sweden, is being launched as the initial tranche of a $500m deal. Does all this mean that the markets think President Carter, has, at least, done the trick?

There is not, as yet, much reason to believe they do. The dollar-buying has been quite simply to take advantage of high short-term interest rates now standing at an unprecedented margin over the returns available in the erstwhile hard currencies.

Significantly, when dollar rates eased back last week the dollar began to weaken again, picking up on Friday only when a set-back in New York prompted another upturn in interest rates—which, incidentally, sorely unsettled the bond markets.

Investor interest thus remains focused almost solely on the high yielding deposit markets. There is, admittedly, a growing belief that long-term rates are now close to a peak level. But at the same time there is little confidence they will fal lback for some time.

A diplomatic approach to arms sales

Paris

When President Giscard d'Estaing went on his tour of the Gulf states at the beginning of the month little secret was made of the fact that the French hoped to get a profitable batch of arms orders out of the visit.

The President however did not see himself as a travelling arms salesman. The trip to the Gulf and Jordan, the longest he had undertaken abroad since he came to office, resulted from a desire to show his hosts that France believed they had a vital role in ensuring world stability through remaining strong and non-aligned.

The President would argue, French arms sales contribute to the region's strength and thus to its stability. As long as Kuwait or the emirates are well-defended they will be able to use their economic strength —acquired from oil—to counterbalance the influence of the superpowers.

There is no doubt that France realizes that keeping on good terms with the oil producers by selling them arms means that it has a greater chance of ensuring the continuity of its own oil supplies.

All this is but an extension of the philosophy which guides French thinking on arms sales. The essential need for exports is to keep France as independent as posible as a military power.

When General de Gaulle pulled the French armed forces out of Nato command he did so because he believed that France should not rely on any individual country or group of countries for its defence. That meant building its own nuclear deterrent and all its own military equipment.

Equipping a modern army is expensive, yet if France were to have its military independence it had to pay the bill. The only sensible solution was to develop the export side of its arms industry.

It was realized that a brisk export market would enable the industry to keep production lines going when there was no domestic need in case the day came when there was. The industry would be kept on its toes, since exporting provided the driving incentive that would be lacking if the only client were the state.

Finally it was appreciated that meeting the requirements of an ever more demanding and sophisticated foreign market would ensure that development continued to keep French technology in the forefront.

The success of the operation is evident from the figures. In 1970 French arms exports amounted to 2,350m francs (£246m), or 2.48 per cent of total French exports. In 1978 (the last year for which full figures are available) these figures had grown to 8,410m francs (£880m) and 5.01 per cent respectively. Exports have risen by 30 per cent every year since 1971.

That business is really booming is clear from the orders received last year for 25,000m francs (£2,615m) worth of arms; not all of course to be delivered in one year, but proof of the fact that the French thrust into the arms market is going to be an enduring feature.

Apart from its value to French defence and foreign earnings, the arms industry is an important provider of work. It employs 287,000 people, including 155,000, in the private sector, and about 75,000 are working exclusively on foreign contracts. In terms of employment, it is as large as cars, which is generally regarded as the most successful industry in the country.

The many different skills required in the arms industry provide work for many specialists, with valuable benefits from their skills going into high technology. This gives a greater competitiveness to industries such as aerospace and electronics.

Many small firms which supply specialized units are spread around the country and provide high quality employment in depressed areas such as the South west, the capital of the French aerospace industry despite the fact that local unemployment is well above the national average.

With all these military, economic and social pressures, it is not surprising that France has become, probably, one of the most aggressive arms sellers in the free world. The result is that countries which have been traditional enemies are often both equipped with French arms. Pakistan, for example, has Mirage jets while India has bought the Anglo-French Jaguar. It often looks as though France's need to sell weapons takes precedence over other considerations.

This theory would however be difficult to prove. France has obeyed the United Nations embargo on arms sales to South Africa and there is absolutely no evidence that even by the use of middle men France has knowingly supplied weapons for use by a repressive regime.

Arms sales in France er made by the privat public sector have approved by an inter-m commission, comprising Office experts as Ministry of Defence and advisors from oth tries with an interest Commerce and Financ

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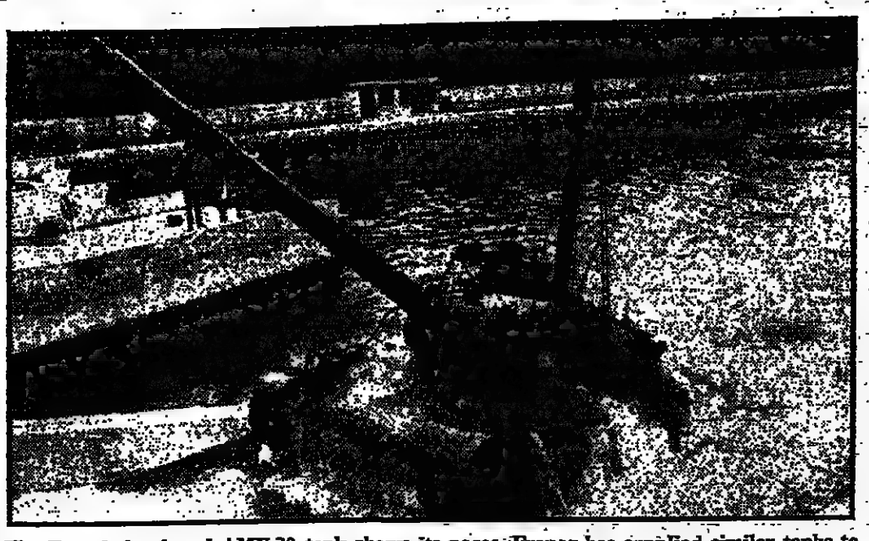

The French-developed AMX-30 tank shows its paces. France has supplied similar tanks to Iraq and Lebanon.

FRANCE'S MAJOR IDENTIFIED ARMS AGREEMENT (July 1978—June 1979)

Recipient	Date of agreement	Systems	Qty	Cost ($m)	Expected delivery
Western Europe and Nato					
Spain	July 1978	Mirage F-1CE fighters	48	700	1980-82
	Late 1978	Puma helicopters	12	na	1979
Middle East and North Africa					
Egypt	Jan 1979	SA-342L Gazelle helicopters	20	na	1979
Iraq	Early 1979	HOT anti-tank guided weapons	360	na	na
	Late 1978	AMX-30 medium tanks	100	na	na
Jordan	Mid 1979	Mirage F-1 fighters	36	na	na
Lebanon	Nov 1978	Fast missile boats	3		
		AMX-13 light tanks	100		
		AMX-30 medium tanks		250	na
		Gazelle Puma helicopter	na		
		Milan anti-tank guided weapons	200	35	Feb 1979
Libya	Late 1978	Gazelle helicopters	na	na	1978-79
Morocco	Early 1979	VAB armoured cars	400	na	na
Saudi Arabia	Mid 1978	Panhard armoured cars	250	na	1978-79
Sub-Saharan Africa					
Nigeria	Early 1979	Alpha jet training aircraft (with Germany)	12	80	1981-82
Asia and Australasia					
China	Oct 1978	HOT anti-tank guided weapons			
		Milan anti-tank guided weapons			
		Crotale surface to air missiles	na	700	na
Pakistan	Mar 1979	Mirage 5 fighters	32	330	1981
Singapore	Mid 1978	AMX13 light tanks	150	na	na
	Aug 1978	Puma helicopters	12	na	na
	Mid 1978	A69 frigates	2	na	1979
	Mid 1978	SA-315 Lama helicopters	12	na	na
Latin America					
Argentina	Aug 1978	Puma helicopters	12	na	na
Bolivia	Mid 1978	SA-315 Lama helicopters	5	na	Feb 1979
Equador	March 1979	Sextuple Exocet surface to surface missiles	6	na	na

Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies—*The Military Balance 1979-80.*

Why the Chancellor's mailbag is bursting

From the end of November onwards, the Chancellor of the Exchequer's mail bag is weighed down with submissions from a welter of organizations, large and small, all telling him what he ought to do in the Budget. On Wednesday, the authors will know just how much notice has been taken of their special pleading.

The value of these exhortations is debatable. Some groups are clearly playing to the gallery—designed more to please their members than to influence the Chancellor; others, recommending, for example, wholesale abolition of a main tax, have never understood the art of the possible; others hold what can only be called idiosyncratic views.

On the other hand, the detailed technical recommendations of some leading institutions are likely to be received with attention and sympathy as well as courtesy.

Detailed examination of the submissions which are released to the press does show that tax pleas, like hemlines, are subject to the vagaries of fashion. This year, for example, the capital taxes take the lion's share of the pre-Budget pleading; stamp duty is another front runner.

Of course, it is true that efforts have been made before to change the Chancellor's mind on these subjects, but perhaps it is the scent of victory in the air that makes these particular topics such favourites.

The over-riding consideration, however, is to establish the principle of indexation. Indexation, or at least an annual review of thresholds, is urged by virtually all the bodies making representations to the Chancellor for all taxes where it would be relevant.

Capital transfer tax changes are wanted by the Confederation of British Industry, the Law Society, Institute of Taxation, the Association of the British Chambers of Commerce and the Income Tax Payers' Society which all recommend that the nil rate band should be doubled to £50,000; the National Council of Social Service has gone out on a limb asking for the threshold to be £100,000. They all want a reduction in the rates and most have asked for a revision of the thresholds.

The Country Gentlemen's Association wants specific extra relief for woodlands; the National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses wants full relief where family businesses are passed on to the next generation; and the Engineering Employers' Federation calls upon the Chancellor to honour the Tories' commitment in opposition to abolish CTT altogether.

Capital gains tax reform is urged in a variety of ways—including its abolition recommended by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) which feels that it should be replaced by specific speculative and development gains taxes.

The Institute of Taxation prefers indexation and a new disposal exemption of £2,500, while the Law Society wants a fixed percentage increase to the assets each year. Tapering over ten years is recommended by the CGA and over seven by the Income Tax Payers' Society and the Chambers of Commerce exemption after 10 years with indexation before.

Stamp duty is viewed with disfavour by both the Law Society and the Building Societies Association who recommended scrapping it on houses costing under £50,000 and thereafter applying a modest single fee (0.25 per £50 the BSA says) on the excess—not the whole sum as at present.

Mortgage interest relief now only available on loans of £25,000 and under should be allowed on loans of up to £50,000 say the BSA and the CGA. The Chambers of Commerce want no threshold and rather optimistically state the case for the reintroduction of tax relief on all loans.

Stock relief has been highlighted by the economic situation and the Institute of Directors and CBI both want action to cover temporary "dips" in stock. The National Federation of Self Employed wants the deferred liability to become permanent when small businesses cease trading and the Institute of Taxation thinks it unfair that claims for stock relief are not permitted.

Capital allowances for commercial as well as for industrial premises is one of the CBI's priority representations and it has the support of the National Federation of Self Employed and the Chambers of Commerce. Development land tax should be modified, says the CBI, supported this time by the CGA which argues for the deferment of liability to be extended to development for business purposes as well as industrial ones.

The Chambers of Commerce think the tax should be scrapped and so does the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies which thinks it unnecessary.

Windfall profits tax on banks and oil companies' profits is urged by the TUC, which has also asked for import controls.

Value-added tax has its detractors, in particular th tions on bad debt reli at the moment only to insolvent companies annoyance of the Federation of Self and the Chambers of C which want the relief a view shared by the

The Institute of want monthly return permitted; the Eng Employers' Federation like it levied at the fi in the chain; and the vation Society thinks t tenance and repairs s excluded from VAT.

Income tax comes u variety of forms. The Engineering Employers tion want more help lower paid, while th bers of Commerce Income Taxpayers' argue that the top rat be brought down to 50 There is broad agreem most of the bodies investment income s should be abolished.

Self-employed pension up several times. The bodies and the National tion being at the fore recommending some inc the permitted amount employed reallowed aside, with tax relief, pensions.

Margaret

Business Diary profile: Goldsmith and the Institute of Directors

For Walter Goldsmith, who became director-general of the Institute of Directors last July, tomorrow's annual convention is a new experience. British by birth and outlook, Goldsmith brings none the less a fresh eye to the IoD, and to British business in general.

He took on the IoD because of annoyance of his country's reputation for poor industrial relations and performance. His own experience, he believes, shows that British companies can perform as well as any when well led.

He came to these conclusions in the Californian sun where belief in change, opportunity and self confidence come more naturally. Goldsmith was there as corporate vice president of Black & Decker. An accountant by training, he moved to the United States four years ago, having become managing director in his mid thirties (he is still only 42).

Black & Decker is one of those companies, like Mars and Procter & Gamble, whose products are better known than its management. He may have lacked City contacts (Black & Decker is not quoted in Britain), but he has run a successful company here. He is proud that Black & Decker lost not one day's production through an internal industrial dispute.

He felt that he had reached his ceiling with Black & Decker and wanted to move back to Britain partly because he wanted his four children to be educated here. This, and the chance to spread his gospel led him to take up the IoD's offer, even though it meant a salary cut by half.

Goldsmith stepped in after a sensational internal row between Jan Hildreth, his predecessor, and the chairman at the time, Deny Randolph (now vice-president) over whom staff report to. Hildreth is now a company director. Randolph was later dismissed as chairman of Wilkinson Match in another public row. Goldsmith has the advantage of being elsewhere at the time, and has been better able to cheer up the IoD staff and help the institute look less silly as a result.

The institute, which was founded in 1903 is evolving from little more than a loss making luncheon club into an organization capable of accurately representing the views of more than 30,000 individual business leaders.

The CBI's constituency is of companies' and employers' associations; the British Institute of Management's patch is of managers rather than main board directors which the IoD takes care of.

The IoD had already developed a distinctive voice on issues such as worker directors and company law, by the time Goldsmith arrived. He gives a lot of credit to his staff for this and continued with representations, formal and informal, on topics such as the taxation of fringe benefits and industrial relations legislation.

The right drill at the Institute of Directors? Director-general Walter Goldsmith (centre), his predecessor, Jan Hildreth (left) and vice-president Denys Randolph.

There is also direct Parliamentary representation through Michael Grylls, the Tory MP for Surrey NW and through IoD members of whom 20 are MPs, 80 are peers as well as five who are Euro-MPs.

The IoD has an extensive research department specializing in company affairs, industrial relations and taxation. To make sure that it reflects its members' views, it has started a formal consultation procedure based on discussion papers which operates through its 26 United Kingdom branches.

The IoD's first aim is to give effective voice to business decision makers. Its second is to encourage directors to make themselves more professional. The institute offers courses and has acted as an informal broker to put aspiring non-executive directors in touch with chairmen.

Goldsmith believes non-executive directors can pep up boardroom performance. He is professionalizing the old boy network for recruiting non-executive directors through a link with management consultants Tyzack and Partners. Goldsmith has put his money where his mouth is in accepting a non-executive seat on the board of Bestobell.

His is starting to show results. New members are signing up at the rate of 300 a month. The financial position is healthy and partly through the sales of life membership, and capital is being built for the future.

Just how Goldsmith plans to direct the IoD from now on will be revealed in his speech tomorrow when he will outline his "forward plan". As to his own future, he says the IoD is not a "stepping stone". On the other hand, he is not sure it would be healthy either for him or for the institute if he were to sign on for another five years.

Patricia Tisdall

Industry in the regions

Optimism in the face of declin

In a town that recently held a festival in honour of Samuel Crompton, one of its most famous sons, the news that one of the world's best-known textile names, now prefers to pin its hopes for the future on Lisnaskea instead of Lancashire has caused only mild surprise.

Bolton—where two centuries ago old Sam invented his spinning mill and lined the pockets of sharper lads such as Arkwright rather than his own —has, like most of Lancashire, become case-hardened to mill closures.

The loss of another 280 jobs this May, as Tootal shuts its nineteenth-century Sunnyside weaving mill in Adelaide Street to concentrate on a £5m development programme in Northern Ireland, may be a personal disaster for some of the workers concerned but it is relatively small beer in a region that has shed almost 100,000 textile jobs in the past decade.

Bolton's MPs have been making the predictable noises of shock and Mr Joe Quinn, general secretary of the Bolton Textile and Allied Workers Union has demanded publicly: "How many more closures are we going to have before Government decides to cut back on foreign cloth and yarn?"

It is a fair question to ask, as the town's evening newspaper—itself first published in the mid nineteenth century—carries a front page story about House of Commons catering staff being issued with Hong-kong-made shirts. But it is a rhetorical one because Mr Quinn is not alone in knowing already that the answer is "a lot", if not the lot.

The rate of decline in textiles in the North-west is a path leading to extinction well within this decade.

No one really expects that to happen but even men such as Mr William Barnes, a former director of Carrington Viyella and now chairman of the national economic development committee for the spinning, weaving and finishing sectors, can still see some grounds for optimism—provided that the right steps are taken by government. But he freely admits that the North-west is bound to suffer many more mill closures.

So what of a town like Bolton, in the heart of the Lancashire cotton belt and with its grey statues to some of the industry's greatest men dotted around its town hall and elegant town centre crescents?

There is a paradoxical air of optimism about the place, a feeling that Bolton has come to terms with the fact that it must write off its textiles past and concentrate on the future; and that it is managing to do so with some success.

The latest figures for instance show that while nationally and regionally the number of unemployed was increasing, in Bolton there was a fall of 0.5 per cent, putting the local figure only marginally ahead of the national average, and well below that for the North a whole. However the textile closures are not reflected in these figures.

With its industrial an mercial base already div with everything from order to electronics. Bol ambitious plans for the dixte future.

These plans include a to reclaim about 200 ac derelict land close to th centre and turn it into industrial park.

The Tonge Valley could create hundreds o jobs by attracting industries to the town ing to Mr Rod Bra Bolton's director of pl and one of the architects project.

Bolton will be collabo with the Greater Manc Economic Development A tion and the Greater chester Council and wo the project will start in It involves big clearanc road building operations the site can be opened industry.

The provision of top office accommodation is regarded as vital to Bo future prosperity. At pr the planners say, Manches pulling in far too much development at the expe the rest of Lancashire.

R. W. Shakesp

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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· John H. M. Samuel

P. G. Kaufman, in his published yesterday 20), cites Marks and as one of a number of retailers whose store *ent programmes have* anced out of benefits rom stock appreciation Whatever may be the f his general hypo- cannot call upon the f this company in its

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asons for this are :— high level of profit- y in relation to stocks,

firm policy of the d against the artificial ientation of stocks, at time, beyond that h is required for the *ient operation of our* s.

less of the ethical con- s, any material alter- our system of regular ipment of goods from the manufacturers to stores, ie without the *intervention of* warehouses, would lead to *severe congestion in the stores,* together with serious imbalances in the stockholding of individual lines, *distortion* of our own cash flow or that of our suppliers and additional concealed costs of handling and carrying unwanted stocks—all *of which would persist* for some months after the end of our financial year.

Bearing in *mind the very sub*stantial increase in stock levels which would be required merely to achieve a position whereby the next £1 of stock *attracted relief, it is doubtful* whether the costs of the resulting inefficiencies could be covered by the relatively small reduction in taxation nine *months later.*

If there is a case for using the tax system to encourage the service industries to expand, with the consequent creation of *new jobs, let the Chancellor* grant us capital allowances on our buildings. But that is another story!

Yours faithfully,
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Clothing industry's problems

From Mr B. J. Clayman

Sir, I agree with some of the points raised by Mr Alec Smith of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, in his letter on March 11. However, he fails to mention those seasonal factors, weather and fashion, which create problems disassociated *from* both *fiscal* and extra-territorial production.

These problems have been around for many years, and are exacerbated by the industry's inability *to moderate production* in line with demand. This produces a glut of merchandise in an already soft market place, with predictable results.

The *opportunity* for employers and the union to get together on this problem have been available since the late 1940s. However, all that has been done has been *to develop* a series of wages councils for the clothing industry, that have done and are doing more damage to the industry than any or all of the other internal and external factors that affect us.

Yours faithfully,
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March 17.

›re of British Aerospace

›quadron Leader R. MBE, RAF (Retd)

Government is pro- ›pace with its Bill to ›alize British Aero- ›is, perhaps, is natural ›nse that the Conserva- ›ifesto stated this to be ›licy, and that the e voted for a *Conser-* ›vernment.

›lly, I cannot argue that position in its sense, but as an *(in fact, as a*) of British Aerospace, ›e, likely to be affected detailed application of as it stands, I wish to *my concern about the* f aerospace in Britain.

Aerospace is a ›l, profitable, national the largest part of *ovides British designed* uilt aircraft (and to the requirements United Kingdom ent. These United funded aircraft are ›ported to friendly ›nts with the blessing Government. With ›erospace as it is con- ›sr *present,* profits these activities are for internal British e use on civil projects r high technology and development—and, ›, all profits in excess needs are returned directly to Government controlled funds. It seems strange to me that this neat arrangement should be disrupted by *the extraction of private profit* from spending on national defence.

While I accept that denationalization seems now to be inevitable, I am concerned about two major deficiencies in the Bill:

a) There is no defined minimum per cent of Government shareholding
b) There is nothing which prevents the possibility of foreign ownership (or dominance) of this vital national industry.

Such omissions are potentially *dangerous in* that they do not protect the national interest. If the omissions are deliberate, then I ask why; if they are by default, then surely they must be rectified.

Why has there been little or no public debate on the Bill and its implications?

Why has the issue rarely been *broached in the press or* on radio or television?

Before it is too late to protect the aerospace industry, I appeal to you to open up the *debate.*

Yours sincerely,
R. BEDFORD,
31 Manor Way,
Wren Green,
Preston.

Standardization of video equipment

From Mr W. H. Fulton

Sir, I would be grateful if I could record a slight, but very significant, amendment *to the* article in *The Times* Business News of March 14, based on an interview with Mr Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corporation.

It could be construed from the article that Sony is currently conducting negotiations on standardization of video cassette recorders with another unnamed manufacturer of home video equipment.

On Mr Morita's behalf, I would like to state that the negotiations to which he referred were held some years ago and that they were inconclusive. No such negotiations are currently in hand or planned.

Yours faithfully,
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Managing Director,
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March 18.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Autumn sales help Church footwear

By our Financial Staff

As expected, second-half results of the footwear company Church & Company were not as good as those recorded during *the first half of the year* to end-December 1979—though the company still achieved a 17 per cent improvement to leave profits for the year some 20 per cent better at a record £3.11m pre-tax.

With successful autumn sales helping to counteract the adverse effects of higher prices and the increase in VAT, turn*over in fact rose by more in the* second half of the year than in the first six months, and ended 22 per cent higher overall, at £29.32m.

A sharp reduction in the tax charge (thanks in part to stock relief stemming from leather price increases) has left attributable profits almost £1m higher at £2.65m; and the directors have, as promised at the time of the interim, substantially increased the dividend—in fact the total has been more than doubled to 7.5p net, at which level it absorbs £391,000.

The directors have commissioned a revaluation of freehold properties, which has thrown up a surplus of £2.8m. Net asset value is in conse*quence increased to 263p per* share, which means, as the directors point out, that the shares are selling at a 28 per cent discount to net assets.

Gundry Bridport's profits dip during the first half

Despite an outstanding performance from the subsidiary supplying civil and military air freight nets, profits of the netting and cordage manufac*turing* company Bridport Gundry fell during the six months to the end of January.

However, the company points out that profits—£309,000 pre-tax, as against £324,000 in the corresponding period—were close to budget, and that some reduction was to be expected because the comparable total was *swollen by early shipments.*

Nevertheless, the performance of the operating subsidiaries was, the directors say, uneven, with the fishery side, *in particular, suffering* from low demand. Over the longer-term they believe that there are further benefits to come from splitting the operating subsidiaries up into identifiable profit centres.

But in the short-term, they consider it unwise to predict *the full year's profits, or to* draw conclusions from the six months' perfomance. Last year Bridport Gundry, which normally does better in the second six months of the year, made £763,000 pre-tax—a marginal *reduction on the previous year's* £781,000.

Part of the money required for the current programme of heavy capital spending has been *realized from a significant* reduction in stock levels in the *bulk netting subsidiary,* which released £200,000.

The interim dividend has been held at 0.99p net per ordinary share, and the directors are leaving consideration of the final until the full year's results are known.

Business appointments

New director at Lonrho

Sir Peter Youens has been appointed a non-executive director of Lonrho.

Mr A. E. Singer has become director and chairman of The Corn Exchange. Mr R. E. Goodfellow has resigned as chairman.

Mr C. R. Roberts has been made a director of Group Investors.

Mr George Pluckneet has been elected president of the National Home Improvement Council and Mr Michael Hastilow has been elected its chairman.

Mr Clayton A. Sweeney has been appointed a director of Wilkinson Match.

Mr T. D. B. Harrison has been appointed sales director of Formwood.

Mr David P. Laing will be joining Henderson Crosthwaite & Co on April 28. Mr Phillip W. A. *Henderson* will be leaving the partnership on April 25 to join *Dalgety Ltd.*

Prof John Treasure has joined the board of *Mills* and Allen as a non-executive director.

Sir John Greenborough has been elected to the board of Newarthill and will become chairman when Mr Tom Grieve retires.

Mr Ron Traill-Stevenson has been appointed a main board director of Smee's Advertising.

This week

Insurance companies hold the spotlight

Insurance companies dominate proceedings this week with full-year figures from the Prudential Corporation on Wednesday, and Eagle Star Holdings and Alexander Howden Group on Thursday.

Other companies of general interest reporting include distillers Arthur Bell, and from the car industry the Appleyard Group of Companies and Lucas Industries.

With all eyes in the market focused on the Budget on Wednesday, economic indicators are fairly thin on the ground. The only figures of any consequence arrive before the Budget with the retail sales from the Department of Trade today and the unemployment figures from the Department of Employment tomorrow.

However, on the equity front Prudential issues it annual statement on Budget day. Analysts are predicting heavier losses on the underwriting side as a direct result of bad weather and one or two disasters during *last year.*

Mr Peter Martin of Capel Cure Myers expects the group's net surplus to rise from £41.2m to about £46.2m, helped by an improvement on investment income.

This should have risen from £27m to £31m, a rise of 13 per cent, but *will have been offset* to an extent by heavier losses in its underwriting business. This might have risen to about £10m compared with last year's £4.2m.

Mr Martin has worked his net *surplus out on a tax charge of* about 30 per cent, but this will vary depending on how large the underwriting losses are.

Life investment income will have experienced a small rise at about £8m compared with £7.8m last time.

A dividend of 15p gross, which would be a rise of 1.7p over the corresponding period, appears likely.

Prospects for this year are slightly brighter with the absence so far of bad weather and as yet no major disasters. Therefore, a figure of £55.6m net surplus would appear to be on the cards.

Interim profits from Arthur Bell on Wednesday will hold no surprises after the June budget last year which meant that most of the pre-Budget buying was *finished* by the start of the new financial year.

Analysts are going for a moderate increase in pretax profits for the six months to January 31, with most estimates ranging from £9m to £10m against *last year's figure of* £8.6m.

Prospects for the current year remain uncertain until after the Chancellor's speech on Wednesday.

Most observers are now resigning themselves to an

Mr Raymond Miquel, chairman Arthur Bell.

Mr Ian Appleyard, chairman of the Appleyard Group.

increase in duty with the average figure of 80p a bottle being quoted. This would do *little for the group, which is* heavily reliant on the home market. Full-year profits of £19½m, compared with £16.8m last year, would seem to be on target.

Finally on Wednesday, full-year profits from the Appleyard Group of Companies are presented and are likely to repeat the pattern established at the halfway stage when *profits fell from £1.27m to* £988,000.

Analysts believe the group will have made up little of the leeway from the first half with profits this time dropping from £1.9m to about £1.4m.

The problems of the *first half,* arising mainly from the troubles at Britihs Leyland, will have been compounded in the second half by the rise in interest rates.

Nevertheless, the group's Ford franchise continues to prosper. *Last year the group's* non-Leyland activities accounted for two-thirds of group profit and are expected to show a further increase this time.

Still in the automotive industry, interim profits from Lucas Industries on Thursday will reflect the scars inflicted by the engineering strike last year. This should account for a loss of about £20m, a figure *much higher than that which* arose from the Ford strike during the corresponding period.

As a result pretax profits have been downgraded from the *previous year's £24m* to about £18m-£19m. On a brighter note demand for the group's diesel car, particularly on the Continent, remains strong, although the strength of sterling and pressure on margins remain depressing factors.

Despite this, last year's dividend of 3.6p gross should be maintained with expectations for the present year ranging between *£62m and £70m,* compared with £73m last time.

TODAY.—Interims:— C. H. Beazer (Hdgs), Br. Car Auctions, Chambers and Fargus, A. and J. Mucklow Grp., Scottish Cities Inv. Tst. Finals:— W. *Canning, William Collins &* Sons (Hdgs), Hawley Leisure, G. F. Lovell, H. and J. Quick Grp.

TOMORROW.— Interims:— Fairview Estates, Spirax Sarco Engineering, Standard Ind. Grp. Finals:—Bambers Stores, Bemrose Corp., Brent Chemicals Int., Dufay Bitumastic, Equity *and Law Life Assurance,* Expanded Metal, Garton Engineering, London and Scottish Marine Oil, Reckitt and Colman, Ricardo Consulting Engineers, Stag Furniture, Utd. Newspapers, Wolstenholme Rink.

WEDNESDAY.— Interims:— A. B. Electronics, Arthur Bell and Sons, Harrisons Malaysian Estates, MTD (Mangula) (amended), Sirdar. Finals:— Appleyard Grp., R. Cartwright, Legal and General, Prudential Corp., Rotork, Slough Estates, George Wills and Sons (Hdgs).

THURSDAY:— Interims:— Sidney Banks, Blue Bird Confectionery (Hdgs), Centrovincial Estates, Howden Grp and Lucas Inds. Finals:— APV Hdgs, Associated Book Publishers, BR. Mohair Spinners, Carpets Intl., Charterhouse Grp., Coates Bros, Friedland Doggart, Alexander Howden Grp., Inch Kenneth, Kajang Rubber, *Killinghall Tin (Malaysia),* BHD, Percy Lane Grp., Leyland Paint and Wallpaper, Magnolia Hdgs, Manders (Hdgs), Mixconcrete (Hdgs), Municipal Props, Ofrax Grp., Western Motor Hdgs., Wolf Electrical Tools and Yorkshire Chemicals.

FRIDAY:— Interims:—Lake and Elliot, Scottish Metropolitan Property. Finals:— Badulipar Tea, Bazaloni Hdgs., Charles Early and Marriott (Witney), L. M. Ericsson, F. C. Finance, Firmin and Sons, Home Counties Newspapers, Charles Hurst, Ibstock Johnson, Macallan-Glenlivet and Bernard Matthews.

Michael Clark

›AGEMENT

›aking the risk out of innovation

›y manufacturing com- ›ay only *lip* service to ›roduct development ›g to guidelines just ›y the British Institute ›gement.* Yet few com- ›ave shown sustained without either radical ›nents to existing pro- · the addition of new

›uidelines are based on which has been con- ›y Dr Charles Parker. *retired as director res-* for research and deve- ›at Ferodo in 1977, he ›research fellow at Ash- Management College ›e is directing a Council ›neering Institutions pro- the *management of* ›n.

›esult of discussions with ›executives and staff in ›an 50 companies, Dr concludes that while ›anufacturing companies that new products sus- ›wth, few seriously en- innovation. They are ›by the belief that the ›be too great and the of success too slender.

›he says paradoxically, preparation for high ›ll greatly *increase the* of success. One large ›y reported that by the ›of a careful, systema- ›roach their proportion ›rations went up from 10 ›t to 50 per cent,

›history of new products ›to follow a consistent typically over one or ›cades. The initial expan- ›ase reconciles the needs *market with the require-* ›of the factory,

characterized by pro- *›improvement and increas-* production efficiency. ›ally the easily attainable ›re exhausted and each ›ive advance becomes less ›hile and costs more.

consequences follow, ›ng to Dr Parker's theory. *›pe sonnel resent disrup-* ›eir manufacturing pro- ›and layouts for insignifi- ›dvantages, and customer is strained when asked ›ept changes associated ›nly marginal benefits.

A company's group headquarters, because of its relative detachment, is most likely to be aware of this sequence and *can advise its subsidiaries when* growth is needed to overcome *these crisis periods. Indeed they* can exert a crucial influence by demonstrating concern for long-term growth, and by giving sympathetic consideration to relevant requests for revenue and capital.

If company directors followed Dr Parker's guidelines they would obtain a forecast of the *expected financial benefit,* cost of achievement and the time needed for completion for each new idea.

The most commonly used financial method of evaluating new products is, he says, the discounted cash-flow approach which estimates cash in-flow and out-flow from which is calculated the net yield. However, this method must be used with discretion of conditions of high risk and high inflation.

Once a forecast is obtained it is then up to the directors to *select the best ideas and in-*corporate them in a board strategy which is in line with the group corporate plan.

The problem is that initial estimates are often innacurate. Dr Parker found that benefit *estimates are commonly* as much as three times too high, while both costs and duration exceed early forecasts by a factor of two. Once work begins, forecasts continue to improve with time and become reasonably accurate half-way through the life of the project.

To counteract the *conse*quences of this he recommends that new projects should be evaluated after the design studies are completed. Once *under way, their status should* be examined regularly and a deterioration not allowed to continue.

Attention should be paid to *changes which are innovative* as well as to those which are evolutionary. Dr Parker said *that* the difference became clear to him only after he had reviewed the highlights of 15 years operation of a research and development laboratory.

When *historic data* was correlated with development records it showed that innovative *changes had a positive effect* in reducing costs while evolutionary developments merely produced a plateau. Before the review he said that he had *believed that evolutionary* development work was probably as efficacious as innovation.

"Innovation is based on inspiration drawn from two centuries *of scientific progress,* and tends to start at the tech*nical level and proceed to* commercial exploitation. Evolution on the other hand gives greater heed to painstaking analysis and synthesis and normally *starts* with technology, although it may need to involve science once the obvious solutions have been exhausted", he said.

It is important to use foresight in planing new products. *Action must be taken which* will extend beyond the normal five-year plan of corporate planning.

Every company division and all management levels should be involved. The aim should be *to embark first upon low cost* innovative strategies to build up profits and reach a level that will allow resources to be directed to high risk, high reward endeavours.

One distinguishing feature *which Dr Parker found in suc*cessful companies was that the senior boards publish their future plans overtly and clearly spell out their policy on the marketing of new products. In this way, he says, awareness of *the executives' thinking per*meates the organization and *increases the likelihood of* success.

Among the guidelines for innovation in research and development is that companies *should search* for benefits from technology transfer and should periodically re-assess earlier unsuccessful *attempts* to introduce novel techniques.

**Guidelines for Product Innovation* by R. C. Parker is available from BIM Publications Department, Management House, Parker Street, London WC2. Price £2 to members and £3 to others including postage.

Patricia Tisdall

Bill Johnstone looks at a manufacturing company in Brighton whose board members and workers are all under 19 years old

Board meeting of Young Enterprise Craft.

Youth gets down to business

Young Enterprise Craft of Brighton is a company with a difference. Not only are the members of its workforce and board all *under 19 years old,* but the entire venture has been launched with £100 worth of capital raised by selling 25p shares to its employees.

The company is one of the Young Enterprise projects designed specifically to assist *young people in gaining experi*ence in business.

The idea took root in the United States in the 1920s and proved to be such a success in the individual *states in* which it had been practised that in 1941 a national campaign was *launched* called Junior Achievement.

In 1959 while on a trip to America Mr Walter H. Salmon, a London merchant banker, was so impressed by the results of the scheme that he tried to bring the idea to Britain.

Brighton has had a number of attempts at using the scheme but the present company, which for legal reasons must be put into liquidation after only seven months has been one of the most *successful* projects to date.

In effect every aspect of company *life is experienced* by the members of the group. Before its formation four months ago virtually none of the group knew each other but within weeks, in response to *advertisements* placed by Young Enterprise and their sponsors, two dozen people came together as the embryo of the venture. From the beginning all the stages of setting up a company and running it had to be experienced.

The first of those stages in deciding who would do what within the company, what product they could *produce within* their limited means and what market would they be trying to corner.

The reminiscences of the directors and the workforce are *not dissimilar to those expected* from the lips of hardened campaigners who had been running some multinational corporation. Although the social element has not been divorced from the exercise, all the activities are performed *with real seriousness.*

Those early days gave the group their first taste of company politics and industrial relations. Steven Mooney, the managing director, a 19-year-old apprentice who works for Kearney and Trecker Marwin, one of the sponsors, remembers: "*We had to stand up in* front of everyone if we were running for a particular office on the board and justify how we were best suited for the job." There was no secret ballot—all the board members were chosen on a simple show of hands. Marketing, production, accounting and administration are all represented at board level and all directors holding those positions have to be voted into power.

Four months ago, after selecting its board, Young Enterprise Craft was raring to get started. However since the company only comes together for two hours each week and all the employees have commitments to school or college, the type of product they were able to select or design was strictly limited. *Their own market research* confirmed that simple products for the tourist market of the south coast would be ideal.

They designed and built small ornamental rocking chairs from clothes pegs which although selling well were to present the board with *its first personnel* problems.

The work force became *bored and therefore careless,* producing what the management described as "non-uniform *product resulting from* people just doing their thing". That boredom was also coupled with a demand by the workforce for a realistic wage agreement.

After discussions with workforce and board it was agreed to introduce a bonus scheme while at the same time redesigning the product to ensure uniformity—and the sanity of the company's workforce.

The result of much debate and many trial models was the design of a circular table mat, again destined to attract the tourist market of the south *coast,* but its production techniques were to prove more satisfying to the assembly line.

The early lessons experienced by the group were basic management skills, selling, production and the subtle art of industrial relations.

All the problems such as investment in the company are scaled up but are no less real.

Even the division of management and *shop* floor is a reality and one which is readily admitted by the board in sentiments *professed* by every company manager in the world is "Do you know that the workers on the assembly line actually think we do nothing when we have a *board meeting?*" one said.

Those meetings are held every fortnight and to allow as many *as possible to experience* decision-making at that level, the board is changed in composition after about three months.

Sessions are conducted with professionalism and seriousness where any suggestion that would identify the venture as *artificial* is never aired.

Production figures for the fortnight together with those *targets achieved by the sales* force are discussed in depth as is the cash flow of the company. Even debates on the type of peg to be used in the product involve all the directors who, like their counterparts in professional life, balance the arguments of availability, cost and quality of the pegs purchased against the cost of production and its possible recovery in the wholesale price *of the product.*

What do the members get out of the venture and what has motivated them to join? Obviously the social aspect has *greater prominence now* that the employees know each other a little *more but again no more* than one would expect from relationships formed in a normal company environment.

All two dozen are either pupils of Cardinal Newman, Hove Park or Blatchinton Schools or apprentices working *in local industry. The three* apprentices, Stephen Mooney, John McBride and John Downward are all employees of Kearney and Trecker Marwin and *members of the board of Young* Enterprise Craft. All admit to joining the company to learn about business and to add to their curriculum vitae when applying for a job.

To ensure that experience is made available, the company has a steering committee made up of local educational and business interests while the *Young Enterprise provide* all the documentation and procedure manuals which give outlines for the directors to run the company.

The sponsor provides man*agement, training, premises for* the new company to operate from and the finance for the documentation. After seven months when the company goes *into liquidation,* the employees sit an exam to assess how much they have learned. Then the *exercise begins again* with a new batch of young recruits eager to find out at first hand the traumas of management and business.

A subtle blend of science and management

The treatment of Invironmental issues with in a company is to be examined at a one-day con*ference at the Royal Society in* London in April. The conference, which is being organised by the Operational Research Society of Birmingham, will ex*plore* how this type of research can contribute to the production *and utilization of energy.*

Operational research (OR), according to Dr Roy Stainton, a spokesman for the society, involves "the application of *the methods of science to the* complex problems arising in the direction and management of large systems, materials and money in industry, business, *government and defence,* health and welfare".

OR techniques are used in the control of North Sea oil revenues, industrial profit *planning, stock and production* control.

The society, also is looking into the effects of money supply on economics and the implications for business management; what use *accountants make of OR; and* the use of OR in energy conservation and control.

Fifty per cent of *The Times* Top 100 Companies do not have their own OR units and the OR Society is planning a promotional campaign to "encourage the setting up of new *OR groups* and revive those that are ailing."

The society has recently completed a "diagnosis of the current state of OR in the *United Kingdom" and* it has appointed Dr John Ranyard as supervisor of its "drive on the engineering industries."

According to Mr Rick White*man, a member of the society* who works for the National Westminster Bank in Bishopsgate, the market for OR is greater among accountants than *bankers, because bankers* are a closer, tightly knit group, many of whom are already using OR techniques, while accountants have to cope with the more diversified and widespread problems, thoughout industry, for which OR solutions *are still being found.*

Operational research techniques enable managements *(and governments) to exercise* and control a better-informed choice between the various options and energy mixes open to them. For example, the development of a fully *informed* energy policy, and of the most efficient techniques to analyse and control it is, the society believes, a matter in which companies and governments are becoming increasingly involved.

Bob Crew

›CKLIST

Assent: given last week, *›r alia*), Gaming (Amend- Act, *Protection of* Trad- ›erests Act, and Slaughter ›mals (Scotland) Act.

›tition Bill: given its ›eading in the House of

Aerospace Bill: com- committee stage.

›d E. Perry & Co Ltd v ›Railways Board: held in Chancery Division that ›Railways Board was ›ful in interfering with within the meaning *of* ›orts (Interference with) Act 1977, and the reason for withholding them provided no justification.

Post Office v Oxford City Council: Court of Appeal held that garage premises constructed or *adapted to supply* thet requirements of members o fthe public who sought to buy *motor* cars, spare parts or fuel, and to obtain repairs or servicing of cars were not a factory but were a retail establishment for the purposes of the Rating Surcharge (Exemption) Regulations 1974.

Swain and Another v Law Society: *held* that the Law Society was not bound to account for any part *of the* commission received by it or its subsidiary, in respect of the premiums paid by individual solicitors for insurance under the Solicitors' Indemnity Insurance scheme.

Consequential loss: a new guide has been published by Phoenix Assurance, for insurance *brokers* and others concerned with consequential loss insurance, explaining the basics and providing some ideas on arranging cover. Available from offices of Phoenix Assurance.

Freight

Argentina is Russia's only source of grain

Russia's grain buying from Argentina which has weakened considerably the full impact that President Carter's sales ban might have had, came under the spotlight last week as Soviet chartering figured prominently in the dry cargo market.

The United States Department of Agriculture also released some estimates of the extent of these purchases.

Based on Japanese sources, the United States estimates that as of March 17 Argentina has sold some 2.5 million tonnes of grain and soya beans since the ban was initiated in January.

Prior to this action, Russia had purchased 4.5 million tonnes of grain and soya beans, making a full total of seven million tonnes for this season, as against the previous season's sales which were in the *region of 2.6 million tonnes.*

With most grain producers supporting the Carter ban, Argentina has become the only source of grain for Russia to fill the gap in its needs. The United States department puts Argentina's total exportable volume of grain at eight million tonnes which, if all taken by the Soviet Union, will still leave a big deficit. However, it is believed that further purchases are being made in the resale market.

To cater for the Argentine shipments, Soviet charterers were active chartering tonnage mainly for transatlantic round trips. While full details were as ever difficult to come by brokers indicated that at least 10 vessels were booked.

All but three of these were in the 35 to 46,000 ton range at rates of between $11,600 and $12,500 a day. Terms were generally on the basis for a north or South American round trip with delivery in the Mediterranean or European continent and redelivery in the Cape Passero (Sicily)—Skaw (Denmark) range.

This Soviet activity combined with other time trip chartering *and period fixing—largely* for between one and two years—overshadowed voyage business. Grain fixing was quieter although rates remained as firm as ever. North Atlantic bookings included $16.90 and $17 being paid for carriers of 72-75,000 tons from the United States Gulf to the Antwerp/Hamburg range.

Shipments to Japan secured $25.75 to $27.55 for vessels from 30 to 51,000 tons with April loading in the United States Gulf or North Pacific coast.

Because of the strength of the market charterers were becoming more reluctant to reveal fixture details.

In the oil trade the picture is much bleaker and here all the signs of a depressed market are displayed. Demand for Indonesian crude continued to be the one strong point.

The Gulf is weighed down with substantial surplus tonnage, including some 30 vlccs, keeping rates at rock bottom level. Some tankers are reported to have reduced crews on board until fixed and resistance among owners to the appalling rates in increasing.

A few owners are understood to be refusing to accept business for vlccs at below worldscale 45 whereas the current going rate is worldscale 30. By all accounts they could be in for a long wait.

Another indicator of the poor times is that inquiries are being made about time chartering vlccs for periods of up to two years.

David Robinson

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Capitalisation £000's	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
3,873	Airsprung Group	67	−2	6.7	10.0	*4.0
800	Armitage & Rhodes	32	−2	3.8	11.9	*2.1
7,485	Bardon Hill	245	+7	13.8	5.6	*7.2
830	County Cars Pref	83	−1	15.3	18.4	—
6,489	Deborah Ord	94	—	5.0	5.3	10.3
3,824	Frank Horsell	102	+2	7.9	7.7	6.3
14,158	Frederick Parker	98	−1	12.8	13.1	*4.5
2,236	George Blair	105	—	16.5	15.7	*—
1,725	Jackson Group	69	+1	5.2	7.5	*4.1
16,010	James Burrough	116	+1	7.2	6.2	10.2
2,601	Robert Jenkins	255	−5	31.3	12.3	*8.1
3,338	Torday Limited	217	−1	14.3	6.6	*3.7
3,419	Twinlock Ord	16	−3	0.8	5.2	*3.0
2,075	Twinlock 12% ULS	76	−1	12.0	15.8	—
6,007	Unilock Holdings	46	−2	2.6	5.6	9.8
11,622	Walter Alexander	92	+2	4.4	4.7	6.1
4,247	W. S. Yeates	182	—	11.5	6.3	7.1

*Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

'Overall 1980 will be a tough year for the rubber sector'

Demand for rubber during 1980 will be hard hit by the recession according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's latest issue of *Rubber Trends.*

The report says that latest figures indicate that the expected slowdown in demand is now taking place. Figures for the third quarter of 1979 show that world consumption rose by only 2.5 per cent in this period, compared with a growth in demand of more that 6 per cent in the first half of 1979.

Figures for the fourth quarter are not yet available, but it is believed that this downward trend has been accelerating and a growth of only 2 per cent may have been recorded in the October to December period.

Tyre sales have been badly hit in most Western countries, particularly in the United States and the United Kingdom, says the report. New car sales have been very disappointing in the United States and the latest indicators show that new registrations during 1980 may decline by between 15 and 20 per cent.

In addition, with the rising price of oil, the average mileage per car has been falling and it is believed that the demand for replacement tyres has been, and will be, declining *significantly.*

The EIU's forecasts for 1980 have been reduced and it is now expected that rubber demand will show minimal growth during the current year.

The first half is expected to be particularly difficult with a growth in demand of only 0.5 per cent. A small recovery is expected in the second half of the year but, "overall, 1980 will be a tough year for the rubber sector and particularly for synthetic producers."

The report says that the level of stocks is likely to increase and overcapacity in the synthetic sector will become quite pronounced. In addition, stocks of synthetics (which were already quite high at the end *of 1979) will increase further* and, in view of the uncertain level of demand, production of synthetic rubber will be limited—possibly to show an increase of less than 2 per cent.

The price of synthetic rubber will undoubtedly continue to rise, it is stated, since the latest cost increases for naphtha and other raw materials have not yet been taken into account.

"Due to the depressed level of demand, synthetic rubber producers will have to be careful to limit their increases and, as in 1979, will raise their prices by gradual stages. It is believed that currently their margins are fairly tight and in *order to absorb the current cost* rises, synthetic producers are likely to put up their prices by at least 25 per cent over the next 12 months."

The report notes that considerable speculation has been going on in the natural rubber sector, partly because of political and economic uncertainties. In recent weeks, it is pointed out, the price of RSS 1 spot has shot ahead but, due to the poor level of actual demand for rubber, these price levels have not been maintained.

"It is believed that on economic grounds, a price of between 70p and 75p per kilo can be justified in the short term. Over the longer term a rise of about 20p per kilo is quite possible. Normally the price of natural rubber moves fairly closely in line with synthetics and, if cost pressures cause the price of synthetic rubber to move ahead, RSS 1 is likely to follow suit.

"Naturally, these forecasts have to be treated with some caution because of the various conflicting factors affecting the rubber sector. For one thing, overall demand is weakening considerably, but this is counterbalanced by political and psychological influences which are, obviously, difficult to forecast at this stage."

On the marked decline in the level of demand for tyre products, the report says that the latest figures for the United States indicate that shipments of tyres for passenger cars fell by 16 per cent in September and 11 per cent in October compared to 1978, while tyres for trucks and buses also declined by an average of 15 per cent during this period.

The only area which held up reasonably well was the tractor tyre sector, but this is a relatively small part of the business and cannot be compared to the importance of passenger car tyre shipments.

The fall in car tyre demand in the United Kingdom was also significant. In the third quarter of 1979 the number of units sold in this sector amounted to 5.8 million. Other sectors, such as commercial vehicles and tractors, held up quite well but it is believed that sales of tyres for commercial vehicles have eased off during the remainder of 1979.

In other countries the picture for tyre products was mixed. It is understood that tyre demand in Japan and Canada has been reasonably satisfactory. In France and West Germany the growth rate has fallen *significantly*, but demand was still somewhat higher than in 1978.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Commodities

New jump likely in prime rate

Prices of longer-maturity Eurobonds were marked down by between ½ and ¾ of a point on Friday as investors realized that the rally observed in midweek was essentially technical and that Eurodollar interest rates are on their way up again, *writes AP-Dow Jones.*

Market participants said they see no reason to expect things will get any better this week, since the consensus is that another round of prime rate increases by United States banks is likely.

Many bankers said they were surprised when the market did not weaken early last week after the announcement of anti-inflation measures by President Carter, since they felt the measures lack teeth. Some said they had seen some short-covering and bargain-hunting and very little selling interest.

Typifying the market sentiment was the weekly bond market telex from Merrill Lynch. It said: "Yet again, a major United States policy initiative *has failed to mention—let alone* attack—the fundamental problem of the supply of money.

"The short-term implications look to be a liquidity squeeze for the banks in the face of increased reserve requirements *and tighter administration of* the discount window", it predicted.

It was not considered that the Carter package would make any dent in inflationary expectations nor that the long end of the bond market will escape a further decline in prices.

Contributing to the generally depressed market sentiment was the news on Thursday afternoon that the United States Treasury will offer shortly a huge $26bn in securities.

This sent bond dealers running for shelter, and some long-maturity bonds on the United *States domestic market fell by* as much as two points.

Euromarkets

Another factor behind the comparatively buoyant tone of the market early in the week was the lack of new issue activity. This support *disappeared in mid-week with the* announcement of a GWPP $1m floating rate note issue for Citicorp Overseas Finance Corporation and expectations that the Kingdom of Sweden will come to the market this week with a mammoth $500m fixed-interest "tap" issue.

Citicorp, which is lead-managing its own issue, confirmed its reputation as an innovator: the notes are believed to be the first ever offered without a redemption date. Noteholders will have the option of redeeming after 30 months and thereafter at six-monthly intervals, however.

Citicorp will have the option of calling the notes after six years at a price which declines to par in 1990 from 102 in 1986. Interest over the first 30 months will be paid at the London Interbank offered rate (LIBOR) *for three-month Eurodollar* deposits and thereafter will convert to the bid rate.

Primary market specialists expressed interest in the Citicorp issue and said it will probably be successful—if only for the high quality of the borrower—although one London banker described it as "a better deal for the borrower than the lender."

Salomon Brothers and S. G. Warburg are jointly putting *together Sweden's $500m operation.* Euromarket sources said one tranche of $125m of 3½-year bonds is likely to be floated this week, the remainder being issued before the end of the year at the borrower's option.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

	Offer Price	Redptn Yield
US STRAIGHTS		
EEC 8¾ 1982	89½	15.33
Beatrice Foods 7¾ 1983	85	14.00
J. C. Penney 8¾ 1983	84¾	14.49
Eurofima 7¾ 1984	81½	14.06
Pepsico 9¼ 1984	84¾	13.83
Norway 9½ 1984	85¾	14.30
Penwalt 9¾ 1984	85	14.76
Dominion Bdge 10¼ 1984	88¼	14.08
Warner Lambert 9 1984	85	13.83
ARBD 9¾ 1984	86¼	14.33
Sweden 9¼ 1984	86½	14.33
Export Dev Corp 9¾ 1984	86½	13.93
Australia 7¾ 1984	78¾	14.18
Denmark 8¾ 1984	82¾	13.87
SNCF 8¾ 1984	81½	15.71
Finland 9¼ 1986	82¼	14.08
EDF 9¾ 1986	83¾	13.45
Kennecott 9½ 1986	81½	14.13
Nat West Bank 9 1986	81	13.70
CNT 9¾ 1986	83¾	13.52
Carter H. Hale 9¾ 1986	83	13.59
GMAC 9¾ 1986	83¼	13.38
Beneficial 9¾ 1987	80¾	14.10
Unilever 9¾ 1987	81	13.46
EIB 8¾ 1988	73¾	13.71
Dutch St Mines 8¾ 1988	79	13.92
Manitoba Prov 9½ 1989	79¾	13.94
ITT 9½ 1989	78	13.89
Sweden 9¾ 1989	80¾	13.37
Canadian Pacific 9¾ 1989	81½	13.55
Alcoa-Australia 10 1989	81½	13.76
GTE 9¾ 1989	80	13.63
Statoil 9¾ 1989	80¾	13.43
Comalco 10¾ 1991	78¾	14.17
Barclays O/S Fin 8½ 1992	74	12.75
CECA 9 1995	71¾	13.80
Hudson Bay 10 1994	78	13.59
Dow Chemical 9¾ 1994	76½	13.43
New B EP Co 9¾ 1994	75½	13.79
New Found Prov 9¾ 1994	79½	13.30
Dome Petroleum 10 1994	79¾	13.30
Michelin 10 1994	76¾	13.84
Quebec Hydro 10 1999	76¾	13.81
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
American Exp 14-11/16 1982	100¾	14.63
Banco di Roma 16¾ 1987	99½	16.89
Bank of Tokyo 14-9/16 1989	97¾	14.97
Citicorp 16-1/16 1985	99½	16.14
Int West Bank 14-11/16 1984	99¾	14.72
Lloyds 15¾ 1985	99¼	15.98
Nat West Bank 14-15/16 1994	98¾	15.22
Kingdom of Sweden 14-7/16 1991	97¾	14.85
Williams & Glyns 18½ 1991	98¾	18.83
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
Alco Standard 9¼ 1994	83½	25.24
Beechams 6¾ 1992	98½	11.67
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	87	14.54
Boots 6¾ 1995	96½	−0.90
Canon Camera 6¾ 1994	94	6.03
Charter 8¾ 1994	76	48.94
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1984	64	34.66
Ford 4½ 1986	71½	21.85
Galveston-Houston 8¾ 1994	112½	−1.18
Gulf and Western 5 1988	93	−0.83
Honda Motor 6¾ 1989	88	6.47
Imperial 6¾ 1997	96½	−3.64
INA 6 1997	84½	−1.35
Ito Yokado 5¾ 1993	73	8.33
Lear Petroleum 8 1989	93	9.86
Mitsubishi Corporation 6½ 1991	138	−1.89
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	78	−1.30
Matsushita 6¾ 1990	143	−2.35
Owens Corning Fibreglass 9¾ 1987	86½	2.78
Revlon 4¾ 1987	90¾	−1.10
Reynolds Metals 8 1988	78½	10.67
RCA 5 1988	66	76.00
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	95½	−0.13
Sumitomo Metals 6 1992	109	−6.89
Texas Airlines 7½ 1993	67½	30.16
Toshiba 7¾ 1994	87¾	−0.39
Tyco 3¾ 1983	123	−3.21
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	82¾	27.89
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	61	42.67
Xerox 5 1988	61½	64.00

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

	Latest price	prev week
Alb & Wilson 7¾ Deb '83-90	65	66 5/16
All Pit Hldgs 9¾ Ln '92-97	63½	63½
All Brew 6¼ Deb '87-92	34½*	34½*
Do 7¾ Ln '93-98	35½*	35½*
Ass Bis 7¾ Deb '90-95	74	74
AB Foods 5½ Ln '87-2002	19¼*	20½*
Assoc Elec 6 '78-85	77½	78½
Do 6¾ Deb '86-91	59¾	59¾
BICC 7¾ Deb '90-95	57¾	57¾
ELMC 6 '98-2003	31½	31½
Do 7¼ Ln '87-92	42	42½
Do 8 Ln '98-2003	41	41½
BOC Int 5¾ Deb '81-86	83½	83½
Do 9 Tonnage 1988	81¾	81¾
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	53*	53*
Barclays Bank 8¼ '86-93	62½	62½
Barclays Int 7½ '86-91	60	60
Bass Ltd 5¾ Ln '87-92	39*	39*
Do 7¾ '92-97	54½*	54½*
Do 8¾ Deb '87-92	61¼*	60*
Beecham 6¾ Ln '78-83	74¾	73½
Do 8¾ Ln '84-93	60½*	65*
Bibby 10¾ Deb '94-99	75	75
Bigmid Qual 7½ Ln '87-93	54*	54*
Blue Circle 7 Deb '88-93	56½	57½
Do 9 Deb '92-97	64½	64½
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	74½*	74*
Do 7¾ '88-93	56¼*	57¼*
Bridon 8 Deb '88-93	64	64
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	82½	82½
Brit Shoes 7 '80-82	80¼	84
Brooke Bond 5½ Ln 2003-08	35	36
Burmah Oil 6¾ Ln '78-81	80¼	80¼
Do 8¾ Ln '91-96	58¾	58¾
Do 7¾ Ln '81-86	63½	63½
Burton Gp 9¾ Ln '98-2005	61*	61½*
Cadbury Schweppes 8¾ Ln '94-2004	59½	59½
Coats Patons 4½ Ln 2002-07	32½	32½
Do 7¾ Ln '90-95	54½	55½
Courage 6¾ Ln 2004-09	44¼	44¼
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	61	61
Courtaulds 6¾ '93-96	44*	44½
Do 7 '82-87	63½	63½
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	58*	57¾
Debenhams 6¾ 2nd Deb	48½*	48½*
Do 6¾ Ln '86-91	51*	51½*
Do 7¾ Ln 2002-07	32	32½
Distillers 7¾ Ln '89-95	37	37
Dunlop 6¾ Deb '86-90	69*	69*
EMI 7 Ln '87-92	57½	57½
English Elec 6 Deb '80-85	77½	78
Esso 6 Deb '77-80	94½	94½
Fisons 6¾ 2nd Deb '84-89	60½	60½
Gallaher 6 Ln '83-85	64	64
GEC 7¾ '87-92	75*	75½*
Do 7¾ '88-93	57½*	57*
Gen Acc 7¾ '92-97	56	56
Glaxo 7¾ '85-95	29p	29p
Glynwed 10¾ Ln '94-99	70*	71*
GUS 5½ Ln	50½	50
Do 7¾ Ln '87-88	68½*	68½*
Do 8¾ Ln '93-98	58	57½
Hawker Sd 7¾ Deb '87-92	64	70½
ICI 7¾ '94-2004	59¼	59¼
Do 7¾ Ln '86-91	58½	58½
Do 8 '88-93	60¾	59½
Imperial Gp 4 Ln '75-80	91½	92
Do 7¾ 2004-09	54	54
Initial Services 8 Ln '88-93	60¾*	59½*
Int Store's 7¾ Ln 2003-08	59½	59½*
Laporte 10¾ Deb '94-99	81*	81*
Land Sec 8½ '92-97	58½*	58*
Lewis's Inv Trst 6½ 2nd '85-90	56½*	56*
Lucas Ind 7¾ '83-88	64*	64½
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	33½*	31*
Metal Box 10½ '92-97	75½	74¼
Midland Bank 10¾ Ln '93-98	76½	76½
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1993	65½	65½
Rank Hovis 6¾ Ln '76-81	87*	85½*
Do 6¾ Ln '85-92	59¾	59¾
Reckitt & Col 6¾ Deb '85-90	61½	64
Reed Int 7¾ Deb '90-95	61½	60¼
Rugby Port Cem 6 '93-98	44½	44½
Sainsbury (J.) 7¾ Deb '87-92	61*	61
Scot Newcastle 5¾ Deb	76½	76
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	66½	66½
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	65½	65½
Smith (W. H.) 5¾ Ln	34½	34
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	77½*	77
Do 7¾ Deb '84-89	63*	62
Tate & Lyle 7¾ Deb '89-94	59¼	59¼*
Thomson Org 5 Deb '84-94	66½	65
Do 7¾ '87-92	62	61
Tilling (T.) 8½ Ln '89-90	64½	64½
Tootal 3¾ Perp Deb	32	32½
Do 7¾ '85-90	61½	61½
Truman Ltd 7¾ Deb '88-93	57*	57
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	60½	60½
UDS 7¾ Deb '85-90	64½*	64½*
Do 10¾ Deb '89-94	72	79½*
Unigate 6¾ Ln '91-96	47½*	46½*
Do 7¾ Deb '86-91	65½	65½
Unilever 6¾ Deb '85-88	61½*	61½*
Watney 7¾ Ln '93-98	55½	55½
Do 8 Ln '90-95	56½	57½
Whitbread 7¾ Ln '95-99	50	53
Do 7¾ Ln '96-2000	54	54
CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 10¾ '95-2000	235	290
AB Foods 7¾ '94-2004	255*	255*
BPB 7¾ '84-94	217*	217*
Bowring C. T. 1981	120	120
Brit Petrol 6 '75-80	92½	92¾
Grand Met 10 '91-96	67¼*	67*
Guest Keen 6¾ 1985	73½	74½
Ind & Gen 4¾ '94-99	126*	126*
Lucas Ind 6¾ 1980	96½	96½
MEPC 5 '89-94	144*	144*
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	68	73½
Romney Tst 3¾ '73-98	81	87
Stock Conv 5¾ 1984	352*	352
Temple Bar 6 '87-91	87	87

*Ex dividend.

Wall Street

Analysts anxious about how far shares can slide

President Carter may be scoring heavily in the primaries, but his latest anti-inflation measures won no votes on Wall Street last week.

Shares slid nervously and at times sharply lower and by Friday's close the Dow Jones Industrial Average had fallen to its lowest level for two years.

Analysts are now anxiously *waiting to see if the 780 resistance* level will hold, as it has done in all other recent shake-outs. If it does not a drop to 750 is widely forecast.

The market which began last Monday at 811.69, fell 26.54 points on the week to 785.15, and apart from bargain-hunting by institutions which brought a mild technical rally on Tuesday, the trend was steadily downwards.

It is the sixth week in a row that prices have fallen, the decline having started on February 15, when the Federal Reserve raised its discount rate to 13 per cent. Since then the Dow has tumbled over 100 points.

Indicators more broadly based than the blue chip Dow have also slipped back and the American Stock Exchange last Monday had its largest one day fall since its index was instituted seven years ago.

Behind the selling, which came from small investors rather than the big institutions, is the fear that the President's plans to trim government spending for 1981 and the Federal Reserve bank's moves to make loans harder to come by and more expensive will probably plunge industry into a recession, both deeper and more prolonged than had hitherto been expected.

But they will do little to curb inflation. And looking further ahead investors suspect that there are few policy options left *to boost industry out of the* forthcoming slump, which will not also worsen inflation. This of course makes the long-term outlook gloomy.

On the positive side, the trading volume fell to between 30 and 40 million shares a day, which is low. Analysts say this shows that buyers are holding off, and putting their money on deposit until they are more sure of events. But there is no panic selling.

More worrying to the Administration and to brokerage houses was the continued decline of the bond mar rallied briefly last Monda fell even further later when the gover announced that it *need* raise more money expected in the next few and when Citibank, the n largest bank, hoisted its rate to 19 per cent.

The sectors to suffer were the pace-setters i January rally—energy, pr metals and to a lesser defence stocks.

Mobil Oil for ex touched 68⅞ on Tuesday. been 89½ only two previously. Another spot was the computer IBM, which tumbled to year low of 56⅞ on per though denied rumours was about to float a bond issue.

Among the few blue c improve were Eastman up 3 at 48½, and Polar at 21⅞. Both were react the fallen cost of siver, the major raw materi *photography.*

Anthony H

Mining

The real secret of De Beers's power

Nobody, to my knowledge, has eaten a diamond and found it nourishing. Gemstones are the epitome of a luxury product: beautiful, decorative, expensive, and useless.

De Beers is probably the largest company in the world whose fortunes are founded on such a commodity. Since people can manage without *diamonds, De Beers's profits suffer when* prices and interest rates are high.

That in essence is why the company's most recent full-year pretax profits of R1,106m (£614m) represent *the first fall* since 1974. It is also why sales by the Central Selling Organisation are likely to be sluggish in the current financial year.

But De Beers is a highly unusual company for other *reasons as well. The CSO, which* was set up by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Mr Harry Oppenheimer's father, and which is effectively controlled by De Beers, unashamedly regulates the market for diamonds.

Mr Harry Oppenheimer argues that controlling the market by fixing the prices of about 80 per cent of all diamonds sold wholesale is in the interests of everyone involved. To the extent that *many producers*, including the Soviet Union, sell stones through the CSO his case appears to command widespread acceptance.

The second obvious point about De Beers is that it mines so many of the stones marketed through the CSO. If one takes world diamond production to be between 47m and 48m carats a year, the CSO sells about 38m carats. De Beers digs out about 12m carats a year, 7.5m from South Africa. So the company provides, from its various sources, a quarter of all CSO stones.

Equally important, De Beers is the only diamond producer in the world able to finance large stocks for a significant period. The latest consolidated balance sheet shows assets of R2,441m (£1,364m). Diamond stocks are worth R409m, some 60 per cent more than in 1978, and net current assets amount to R787m, about R100m less than in the previous year.

The real secret of De Beers's power in the market is therefore not its production or control of the CSO—though both are important—but the company's underlying financial strength.

Consolidated Diamond Mines in Namibia: Still a rich prize.

That strength is indistinguishable from the connexion with Anglo American: Anglo holds just over 30 per cent of De Beers, while De Beers returns the compliment with about 33 per cent of Anglo.

Resources of this magnitude—Anglo's assets were R2,583m at the last count—are a most effective deterrent to anybody misbehaving in the diamond market. As the speculators discovered in 1977, when De Beers leans on them they have difficulty staying upright.

Financial strength also means that De Beers can invest heavily in maintaining its dominance. The plan is to raise productive capacity from the present 12m carats a year to 19m in 1983.

Central to the company's programme in Botswana, where the existing Orapa mine and the Jwaneng mine under development will contribute a good part of the proposed increase.

De Beers is also ru to have found promising in the northern Transva others in Botswana ne Namibian border.

These deposits are all within South Africa's *(hence De Beers's) sphere* fluence. So too is Conso Diamond Mines in Namib a rich prize despite erratic output of gemsto recent years.

While South Africa sh intention of withdrawing the country on terms den by the United Nations on Namibia, CDM is sec De Beers' balance sheet.

Between them, South Namibia, Botswana and L produce *comfortably* mo 12m carats a year, of bo and industrial quality. But it is easily forgotte the world's two bigges ducers are well clear of South African influence.

The Soviet Union is t to mine approximately carats a year, while Zai duces 17m. Sierra Leo Ghana mine 1.4m and carats respectively.

The Soviet Union is u to change its habits. Russian stones remain the iron curtain, and n the gemstones exported West are marketed throu CSO or mainstream outlets in Antwerp. Th bers and value involv small.

Zaire is different, h President Mobutu's gove is not the most solid world, and a change of could prove less accomm to South African intere to the West generally.

If the biggest diamon ducer—though not nec the biggest producer o stones—were to ally smaller producers in perhaps for simply politic poses, they could pose a threat to the CSO.

Further afield, we ha enigma of Australia. The in the industry is that the *ern Australian finds*, still evaluated, are extensive.

Much hinges on the size ity and quantity of the But one fact is clear: De has virtually no stake Australian developments. *the Australians wisely rel* to commit themselves t CSO at this stage, it co De Beers's historic err judgment.

Some of these factors a flected in the 9.5 per cent the shares currently off London. An increase yield could be interpretec sign that one or more of risks is nearer realization.

But even if a major b in De Beers's cartel s occur—and I ought to e size that there is no indic of that happening yet—the pany would still be a fo able force.

After all, diamonds me hard to digest, but the eradication of vanity improbable.

Trying to guess the course of gold

Once again, the gold market is keeping everyone guessing. Some people guess better than others, but wise brokers are mainly leaving clients to make up their own minds.

After the fluctuations of the past fortnight, which left the price at $525 an ounce on Friday, it would also be wise of me to keep my mouth shut.

But I want to hazard a brief assessment of the position nevertheless. First, the fundamental adjustment of gold to other prices seems to have been achieved. Since, however, some of the political reasons for the excitement earlier in the year have subsided rather than disappeared—Afghanistan, the hostages in Iran, the outcome of the American presidential election, the future of détente—the trading range is erratic and hard to determine.

High interest rates, especially in the United States, have weakened the investment as distinct from the speculative argument for gold. The dollar is also looking a bit healthier, while fears of further oil price increases have diminished.

These factors mean that the hot money that rushed into gold two months ago now sees no advantage in staying in the market. There must have been quite a lot of profit taking in the past two weeks. But another big economic or political scare could bring the speculative funds back smartly.

For that reason it seems prudent to work on an average gold price of no more than $400, which interestingly is the kind of figure the South African mines discussed at the height of the gold fever. The implication is to stick with good quality mines, and let the marginals take their chances. My hunch is that most of *the small mines being reopened in Australia* and Canada will not last long.

Briefly

Throgmorton Trust's purchase of all the investment holdings of Capital for Industry has been effected. The trust will now make, as soon as possible, in accordance with the City Code, an offer for the shares of Cray Electronics not already owned.

Gibbs and Dandy: Turnover for 1979 rose from £10.69m to £13.53m. Pretax profits, £601,000 (£474,000), including extraordinary credit of £11,000 (nil). Total dividend raised from the equivalent of 1.42p to 1.78p gross.

Williams and James (Engineers): Turnover for 1979, £7.24m (£7.01m). Pretax profit, £452,000 (£781,000) before tax credit of £230,000 (1978 charge of £122,000). Total dividend, 5.32p gross (5.48p gross).

London Shop Property Trust: Pretax profit for half-year to October 31 reached £252,000 (against £169,000 last time) after *net interest payable of* £698,000 (against £758,000). Board confident that year's net profits will enable a maintained dividend to be paid.

Bill & Smith has bought British & Midland Stampings, steel drop forgers, for £350,000 cash, from Central Manufacturing and Trading.

Berry Trust: Pretax income for half-year to February 29, £303,000 (£32,000). Board forecasts dividend for year of not less than 1.78p gross (same).

Jamesons Chocolates: Turnover for 1979, £6.66m (£6.85m). Pretax profit, £517,000 (£516,000). Dividend, 5.71p (5.24p) gross.

Grindlays Bank Group reports the recent signing of a SA$50m-equivalent financial package arranged by Grindlays Bank Group for the Electricity Commission of New South Wales. The loan is to help finance construction by the commission of a power station north of Sydney, which is expected to be the largest in Australia.

Wearra Group: At the annual meeting, Mr A. J. Harris, the chairman, reported: "To summarize our prospects for 1980, the footwear businesses are likely to have an increasingly difficult time, but the outlook for Grayhill and Burostat is better. Overall, the group's performance should be creditable under difficult conditions."

A fresh look at engineering

The apparent failure by the steel unions to implement their strike within the private sector has lead Mr Peter Cooper and David Butler of brokers **Henry Cooke, Lumsden** to take another *look at the sadly-neglected* engineering sector.

The strike in the private sector appears to be ending. After a four-week strike they have had to make quite significant reductions in profit forecasts for steelmakers. *Hadfields*, part of Lonrho, have estimated that the strike has cost them over £1m and should be regarded as a good guide. This as a result has brought into question already thinly covered dividends.

The steel strike has also had an impact on suppliers of consumables such as ferrous scrap and mill rolls and of capital plant, they add. But so far it has made little impact on BSC's own customers. The engineering strike last year resulted in heavy overstocking and BSC was able to give sufficient warning to its customers of the impending strike to allow them *to build up their reserves.*

In the present gloomy economic climate it has been proved that the payment of maintained dividend can no longer remain sacrosanct. But there are several companies with high yields based on actual or confidently expected dividends which are adequately covered by current results, or by reasonably assured earnings recovery which they recommend. These include Associated Engineering, John Brown, Hopkinsons, IMI, Lake and Elliot, Northern Engineering and Tube.

On the recovery scene they recommend Bridon, Stone Platt and F. H. Lloyd, although the latter is described as speculative.

Finally they recommend Myson Group on the back of a buoyant home improvement market with buy labels on T. W. Ward and Ransome Hoffman and Pollard where there is further room for improvement.

The better than expected full year figures from Cadbury Schweppes recently, have earned it a buy recommendation from Mr Keith Hann of brokers Capel-Cure Myers.

Now that the company has delivered the material profit improvement it promised last year, Mr Hann believes the company is destined for better things.

He states that the recovery was based on a sound long term strategy rather than a short-term policy of profit maximisation. So that now there is potential for continued above average profit and dividend growth over the next two or three years.

The current rating, he is undemanding, with a cu p/e in line with the market a 35 per cent yield pren and gives the group little c for either its 1979 perform *or its prospects.*

Elsewhere in the food se Rowe & Pitman's Ste Carr feels that the share British Sugar Corporation look overly depressed recommends them as a buy

He points out that the re results were up to expectat with pre-tax profits up 27 cent at £32.5m, on turnove per cent higher at £381m the net dividend being creased by 45 per cent.

However, he warns that ing fuel costs, labour interest rates and the pres on sugar prices as the comp aims to further increase market share can be expe to cut profits in the cur year.

But from 1980 some of additional fuel costs will absorbed by the farmers not the corporation. Farm will also bear their share of "B" quota levy and any fal the interest rates should red the debt/interest burden.

A question mark continue hang over the re-negotiation the EEC production quotas. Mr Carr feels it is unlikely this will have any imp before the 1980/1981 crop y

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Brokers' views

"In 1979 the Group continued to make good progress in its development as a leading world-wide banking organisation."

Robert Leigh-Pemberton, Chairman.

"The strengthening of our position as a leading international bank has continued to be at the heart of our strategy and in this context we welcome the management and staff of the National Bank of North America to the Group. However, the greater part of our earnings is still derived from the Group's UK operations. Interest rates were a dominant factor in 1979 but income from other sources continues to increase. This is a key objective, for there is every sign that costs will continue to rise and we must remain profitable at interest rate levels considerably lower than those which obtain today."

International In the ten years since we defined the strategy to develop National Westminster as a diversified international banking organisation, not only has the contribution from international activities increased significantly but total international assets have grown from £1 billion to over £12 billion. There was an 18% increase in earnings from international business in 1979; this sector produced over £100 million towards Group profits – a significant milestone – despite high levels of liquidity in the international markets which created increased competition. The substantially increased volume of advances and an active foreign exchange market were both factors in the improved performance.

Immediate steps have been taken to ensure the integration of National Bank of North America into our Group strategy. A significant early development has been the acquisition of a further 16 branches to complement the existing network of 141 branches.

United Kingdom There was a significant increase in volume during the year, both in our banking activities and in our other operations in the UK. We have improved our range of services, with special attention to the needs of small businesses, by introducing schemes in conjunction with the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (CoSIRA) and the Welsh Development Agency (WDA). We have also introduced a scheme to provide venture capital through a new subsidiary, Growth Options Limited.

Within the limitations imposed by Government restrictions on the growth of the money supply, we have given priority to customers requiring finance to increase exports and to reduce imports.

The main UK subsidiaries all expanded their operations. Lombard North Central increased its total new business by 40% over 1978; Isle of Man and Ulster Banks achieved good profit growth; County Bank significantly expanded all its services, particularly in the international field.

Social Responsibility Our social contribution as a Group rests primarily on the effective performance of our role as a major financial institution. As instances, we have sustained many businesses through a difficult year, and have financed a significant part of the North Sea oil development.

We sponsored a major new campaign entitled 'Action Against Crime', launched in association with Age Concern, which is intended to help elderly people avoid the dangers of violence and fraud, and to assist those who unfortunately become victims.

Through our project known as 'National Westminster Enterprises, we made over 100 experienced staff available for extended periods to a wide variety of charities and other organisations, to assist them mainly in their administration; the direct cost to the Bank was in excess of £1 million. The number of staff on secondment will increase substantially in 1980 in response to the challenge to the private sector represented by public expenditure cuts. We shall also increase substantially our expenditure on sponsorship and support of community projects.

Salient Points from the Chairman's Statement to Shareholders

- Pre-tax profits expressed on an historic cost basis show an increase of 44% over 1978 at £441.5 million. Adjusted on a current cost accounting basis this reduces to £285 million.
- Development necessitates a sound capital base and, whilst retained profits form an important element in maintaining the Group's capital structure, steps have again been taken during the year to supplement capital resources through additional loan issues to keep them in line with the requirements of our expanding operations.
- Removal of dividend constraints has enabled us to declare an increase in distribution which goes some way to restoring the loss in purchasing power which our shareholders have had to bear since restrictions were introduced in 1971.
- A slower growth in advances and current account balances is expected in 1980 because of the current tight monetary policy.
- There is a strong demand for our services and we have an excellent basis on which to build. Our resources will be directed to seek out new opportunities and to strengthen and widen our relationships with existing customers.
- Our Business Development Loan Scheme now extends to terms of up to ten years and amounts up to £100,000. We now operate a fixed rate lending scheme for larger amounts and for cases where more flexible repayment arrangements are necessary.

Figures taken from the Group's Accounts 1979

Ordinary share capital	£234 million
Reserves	£1,306 million
Current, deposit and other accounts	£26,542 million
Advances	£18,115 million
Group profit after allocation to staff profit-sharing	£441 million
Tax	£112 million
Retained profit	£289 million

Copies of the Report and Accounts, which include the Chairman's Statement, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, National Westminster Bank Limited, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

- Working with Export Credits Guarantee Department the Bank has financed, and given bonds in connection with, a substantial number of large export contracts.
- Abolition of exchange controls has presented many new opportunities and the Group has the necessary skills to advise both companies and individuals on these points.
- The second decade of National Westminster Group, which we are now entering, will bring significant technological advances. We shall take advantage of developments to ensure the most economical use of our computer centres and to automate many activities in our operations.
- The first phase of an on-line computer operation for the NBNA branch network will be completed in 1980 using National Westminster's experience and expertise.
- We have continued to obtain lead management roles in syndicated currency loans. County Bank has enhanced its reputation by participation in currency lending and in Eurobond management.
- Further examples of our social responsibility programmes are Project Respond, a community award scheme for secondary schools, and Matching Support, under which members of staff can obtain funds for charities and community organisations in which they are actively and voluntarily involved.

National Westminster Bank Group

One of the world's leading banks

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 429.9—10.0(2.3%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Current Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
45.8	−0.8	American Grwth	47.0	49.7	2.01
38.5	−0.4	Capital	35.2	38.1	5.79
49.4	−0.5	General	45.7	48.9	6.05
105.0	+0.1	Gilt & Fixed Int	98.8	105.1	4.76
44.6	−0.9	Income	40.5	43.7	8.82
88.4	+0.2	Int Bond	84.2	88.6	5.58
40.1	−1.2	Investment	36.0	38.9	6.10
[illegible]	−1.1	Equitas Prog	67.2	73.6	5.90
		Albea Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 Y4TT 01-588 6371			
94.5	−5.4	Albea Trust* (3)	[illegible]	91.10	6.00
77.3	−3.7	Do Inc* (3)	68.4	73.60	9.47
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
81.4	−1.6	Allied Capital	74.6	79.8	5.51
79.2	−1.5	Do 1st	72.6	77.7e	6.18
73.0	−1.4	Brit Inds	66.9	71.6	6.28
43.4	−0.5	Growth & Inc	40.1	42.9	5.87
40.2	−0.6	Elec & Ind Dev	37.0	39.6	5.30
60.9		Met Min & Cmdty	56.8	60.5	4.85
72.9	−1.3	High Income	66.8	71.50	8.55
43.4	−0.9	Equity Income	39.7	42.50	8.23
29.1	−0.5	International	26.7	28.60	3.79
72.4	−1.8	HighYieldFnd	66.0	70.60	10.48
123.7	−2.2	Hambro Fnd	113.8	121.5	6.64
121.3	−3.4	Do Recovery	110.2	117.9	6.57
51.7	−1.0	Do Smaller	47.4	50.70	4.84
150.9	−2.1	Do Accum	139.1	148.9	5.65
60.7	−1.4	2nd Smaller	55.4	59.3e	4.81
61.0	−0.9	Secs of America	56.2	60.1	2.33
48.0	−0.7	Pacific Fnd	42.3	45.3	2.73
61.5	−0.8	Overseas Fnd	56.7	60.7	5.60
78.4	−1.5	Exempt Smaller	73.2	76.9	5.06
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd.			
		37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY 01-236 5281			
83.2	−4.5	Commodity (5)	72.9	78.7	3.54
130.1	−6.9	Do Accum (5)	110.4	119.2	3.54
68.6	−3.6	10% W'draw (5)	58.4	63.0	3.54

Public and Educational Appointments

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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

As a result of the appointment of Mr. Anastasios Christodoulou, C.B.E., M.A., as Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities; the Council of the Open University invites applications, from men or women, for the position of

SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Secretary is responsible for the administration of the University, subject to the direction of the Vice-Chancellor. The University has a full-time staff of some 2,500 and approximately 80,000 students and operates throughout the United Kingdom through 13 regions.

Further particulars of the post may be obtained from:

Dr. Lindsay Young, Vice-Chancellor's Office,
The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes,
MK7 6AA.

Applications must be received by 30th April, 1980.

Solicitor's Articled Clerk

A vacancy has arisen in my Department for an *Articled Clerk. Immediate applications* are invited from Graduates who should preferably have obtained passes in at least five Heads of Law Society's Part II Qualifying Examination.

The successful applicant will be articled to the Solicitor to the Council, and will have the opportunity to obtain wide experience in a busy *legal office.*

Commencing salary, depending upon age and qualifications, but minimum salary at age 21 years will be £3,477 p.a. inclusive, with a qualification 'bar point' at £3,894 p.a. inclusive, rising to a maximum of £4,383 p.a.

For application form write to J. J. Warren, Chief Executive, Town *Hall*, East Ham, *E6 2RP* or telephone 01-471 0619, night or day, in both cases quoting reference ADM/B/AC.110.

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

Closing date of return of completed forms by 21st April 1980

BEDALES SCHOOL

Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 2DG

MATHMATICS-COMPUTING

We wish to appoint for September, 1980, a well-qualified mathematician with computing experience to help with the continuing development of computing within the School. This is an opportunity to join an active team in a rapidly expanding area of the curriculum. The ability to teach Mathematics to Open Scholarship level would be an advantage.

Bedales is a co-educational school of 450 students aged 11-18. Mathematics is taught in purpose-built facilities and present equipment includes 3 computers housed in their own room. The successful applicant will be a person prepared to enter fully into the life of a residential school.

Salary: Scale 1 Burnham plus. (The appointee who made his/her mark would quickly be considered for a Scale 2 post.) Accommodation is usually available. The Headmaster welcomes applications (letters—no forms—including curriculum vitae and names of three referees) and will send further particulars.

LONDON REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

£7,173-£8,229 (Increase Pending)

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Secretary. Applicants should have substantial teaching experience in Secondary, Further or Higher Education. Administration experience is desirable.

Forms and further details should be requested by postcard from the undersigned (or telephone 01-870 2144).

Closing date 15 April 1980.

D. H. BOARD, MA,
Secretary to the Board,
London Regional Examining Board,
Lyon House,
104 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 4LF.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

NISSAN JAPANESE LECTORSHIP

The University proposes to appoint the first Nissan Lector in Japanese to hold office from 1 October, 1980. The Lector is to assist with all forms of modern Japanese teaching under the direction of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. The Lector will be expected to assist in college teaching up to a maximum of 7 hours a week (which will be paid separately by the colleges) in addition to the maximum of 8 hours teaching per week for the faculty board. Applicants should have a native command of Japanese and experience of teaching Japanese as a foreign language. The post is tenable for one year in the first instance, renewable for one further year only. Salary is at the fixed point, non-incremental, at present £4,584 per annum. Appointment would be subject to any necessary work-permit being obtained.

Applications, including a statement of age, qualifications and experience, and the names of two referees should be sent to the Secretary, Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford, OX1 2LE, to arrive *not* later than Monday, 14 April, 1980.

University of Strathclyde

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP

in the

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

from graduates with suitable qualifications in Computer Science or Electronic Engineering. The post is to be filled in connection with a new degree course entitled "Computer Science and Microprocessor Systems". Preference will be given to those with experience in one or more of the following: Logic and Hardware design, Systems and Communications programming, Robotics, or the applications of programmable electronics and the design of interfaces between the elements of digital systems.

Salary scale £5032-£10484 per annum from 1 April, 1980, with placing according to qualifications and experience. Superannuation benefit.

Application forms and further particulars (quoting 12/80 and enclosing a self-addressed envelope 9in x 4in) may be obtained from the Academic Appointments Officer, University of Strathclyde, Royal College Building, 204 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1XW with whom applications should be lodged by 7 April, 1980.

Bedford College

(University of London)

LECTURESHIP IN MICROPROCESSOR EDUCATION

Applications are invited for a new lectureship jointly funded with the *G.E.C. Hirst Research* Centre at Wembley. The lecturer's time will be divided equally between the Research Centre and the College. The educational objectives will be to strengthen the teaching of the applications of microprocessors and microcomputers and to provide a link in this field with industry. The appointment will be made as soon as possible and will be for a minimum of two years with the opportunity subsequently of taking up a full time post with G.E.C. Probable starting salary within the range £5,000-£8,000 p.a. Further particulars from Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel), Regent's Park, London, NW1 4NS (01-486 4400, ext 315) to whom applications must be sent by 14th April 1980.

University of Edinburgh

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Applications are invited for a Temporary Lectureship in English Language for one year with effect from 1st October, 1980.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary to the University, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL, with whom applications should be lodged by 23rd April. Please quote Reference 1017.

PRINCIPAL
of the
COLLEGE OF
ESTATE MANAGEMENT

The Board of the College of Estate Manageme
proposes to appoint a

PRINCIPAL

to succeed Mr. P. N. Brook who will retire
30 September, 1981.

The College plays an important part in the edu
tion of the professions concerned with the use, manag
ment and development of land and building and
close links both with the relevant professional assoc
tions and with the University of Reading.

The Principal is the chief officer of the Colle
and candidates should have proven administrative a
management ability and should be able to take r
ponsibility for professional education at all levels
for the conduct of the College's research programm

Salary will be related to the scales applicable
professors in universities and superannuation will
by membership of the Universities Superannuat
Scheme (or FSSU where applicable).

Further information may be obtained from
Secretary, College of Estate Management, Wh
knights, Reading RG6 6AW (telephone Read
861101).

The closing date for applications is 30 April, 19

COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

ASSISTANT SECRETAR

Applications are invited for the new post of Assis
Secretary (Resources). The person appointed will as
the Secretary of the Council with (i) management of
Council's resources; (ii) operation of the units concer
with the membership of the Council's boards and c
mittees, and organisation of internal meetings and exte
visits to institutions; and (iii) servicing the commit
concerned with these activities.

Candidates should be suitably qualified academically
possess administrative experience in an institution of hig
education, although applicants from commerce, indu
and other *public sector bodies who possess knowledge*
the U.K. higher education systems will be conside
Experience of computer based systems in manage
would be an advantage.

The salary on appointment will be within the scale £7,
£9,771 p.a. (merit bar £8,889 p.a.) including Lon
Weighting.

Further particulars of the post may be obtained from
Assistant Secretary (Personnel) CNAA,
344/354 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8BP.
Tel: 01-278 4411.

to whom applications giving details of qualifications
experience and the names and addresses of two refe
should be submitted by 8 April, 1980.

COMMONWEALTH AGRICULTURAL BUREA

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POST OF

DIRECTOR COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE OF HELMINTHOLOGY ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

This vacancy arises from the retirement of Dr. S. M. Wil
Director of the Institute since 1951.

Duties—The Director is responsible to the Executive Director
for the scientific direction and the day-to-day administration of
Institute; and, as Editor, for the production of all publications
by the Institute, for dealing with a wide variety of enquiries an
keeping in close touch with organizations involved in parasit
throughout the world.

Qualifications—Appropriate qualifications in the biological scie
with an emphasis on *parasitology*, and a wide knowledge of cu
research and development in parasitology. Experience in
production of scientific publications and administration of a res
unit. The ability to write lucid and concise English is essential
a knowledge of other European languages would be advantage:

Salary scale.—£15,748-£16,040-£16,225 with Outer London Weig
of £325 p.a. at each point.

Application forms and full particulars can be obtained from
Executive Director, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Far
House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN. Closing date: 31
1980.

University Lecturer or University Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Archaeology

University Lecturer or University Assistant Lecturer to teac
archaeology of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic, as well as cont
ing to the teaching of the general theory and practice of archaeo
The Appointments Committee hope soon to be in a positio
appoint to this vacancy.

The appointment will be for three years with the possib
for a University Lecturer, of reappointment to the retiring
and, for a University Assistant Lecturer, of reappointment for
years.

The pensionable scale of stipends, for persons not ordin
resident in College, will be:

University Lecturer: £7,073 a year rising, by
twelve annual increments to £11,171.

University Assistant Lecturer: £5,389 a year, rising
by four annual increments to £6,736.

Further information from the Secretary of the Appointm
Committee for the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropol
Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ, to whom applications
copies), including a CURRICULUM VITAE and the names
addresses of at least two referees, should be sent so as to r
him not later than 15 May 1980.

REPUTABLE AMERICAN PRIVAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SEE CREATIVE BRITISH DIRECTOR

For undergraduate University level London programme
Politics, Economics and Humanities.

Desirable qualifications: knowledge of British and Ameri
higher education, administrative experience, univer
teaching counselling scholarship and graduate degree,
or part-time. Send résumé and names of three refere
Application by April 4th. Position vacant middle June, 19
Box 0655 F, The Times.

University of Edinburgh

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

Applications are invited for a Temporary Lectureship in European History for one year with effect from 1 October 1980. *Candidates* with a primary interest in either Medieval or Modern European History will be considered.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary to the University, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, with whom applications (12 copies), giving the names of three referees, should be lodged by 22 April. Overseas candidates need submit only one copy of this application. Please quote Reference 1014.

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LECTURESHIP

IN MEDIEVAL HISTORY

Applications are invited
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LINGUISTS

Joint Technical Language Service

Posts at Cheltenham, in the Linguist Specialist Class, requiring an interest in the practical applications of language. Vacancies are expected to be for linguists offering Arabic, Czech, Greek, Persian, Russian or Turkish. *There may also be* vacancies for candidates offering a non-European language other than Arabic, Persian, or Turkish; and for candidates, preferably but not necessarily offering German, to be retrained in one of the languages mentioned. Evidence of capacity to learn difficult languages will *be looked for.*

Candidates should normally be aged at least 20 and must have a thorough knowledge of one or more appropriate foreign languages, such as is provided by a degree or by relevant experience. Those taking final examinations for an appropriate degree in 1980 may also apply.

Appointment will normally be to the Assistant Linguist Specialist grade, but successful candidates with at least 3 years' relevant experience may be appointed to the Linguist Specialist grade.

SALARY (under review): Linguist Specialist £4,765—£6,150; Assistant Linguist Specialist £4,200—£5,700. Starting salary may be above the minima. Promotion prospects. Non-contributory pension scheme.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 25 April 1980) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref 389/S/80.

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extended negotia- cluding an appeal to retary of State for ironment, the com- s obtained planning l for a further 80,000 f warehousing. The which is close to the ady contains 100,000 fully let space and planning consent ıable Estates and General to make effective use of the existing infrastructure.

On completion, the scheme will be retained in Estates and General's investment portfolio.

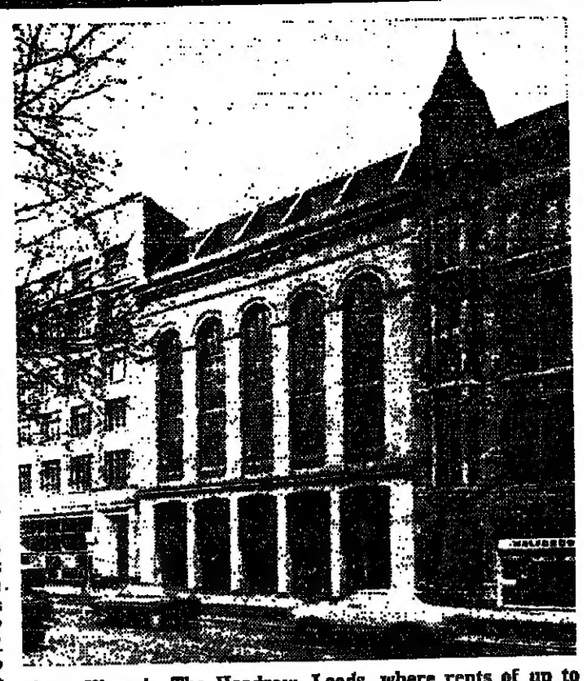
Farther north, the Ashville Group has begun construction of the final phase of its £6m trading estate at Leicester. The scheme is being carried out on a site of 15 acres near the M1 at Cambridge Road, Whetstone, less than five miles from the centre of the city. About 250,000 sq ft has been built and the final phase of 52,000 sq ft will bring the total amount of space to more than 300,000 sq ft.

The final phase, in units from 6,000 sq ft, is due to be ready for occupation in the autumn. Finance has been provided by the Universities Staff Superannuation Scheme and on completion the phase will have an investment value of £1.4m King and Co acted for Ashville and the fund was advised by Jones Lang Wootton, its retained surveyors.

The scheme was originally started by Ashville in the mid-1970s and among present occupiers are Rank Xerox, Avery Adhesives Inc, Pearce Signs and subsidiaries of Lex Services, Norcross and Bowater Paper Corporation. Various phases have been funded by such institutions as Wyndham Investments, the property holding company for Allied Breweries Pension Funds, which acquired two phases totalling 100,000 sq ft and RTZ Pension Fund Trustees, which funded four phases comprising over 112,000 sq ft. Letting agents are Bonfield Hirst Turnor, of Leicester.

Good progress has also been made with letting Haslemere's Tramway Industrial Estate in Banbury, Oxfordshire, strengthened by a series of transactions by Edwards Bigwood and Bewlay and Derrick Wade and Waters.

The scheme, which has just been completed, shows Banbury's growth as a regional centre. It comprises some 85,000 sq ft of factory and warehouse space in 11 units from 6,000 sq ft to 13,700 sq ft and is more than 70 per cent let or under offer at rents of around £1.70 a sq ft. Tenants include Karcher (US), S. H. Jones and Co, and Everspray, a subsidiary of a German company.



New offices in The Headrow, Leeds, where rents of up to £7.50 a sq ft have been obtained.

A smaller new scheme in the offing is for a site in High Street, Norwood, SE27, which has been acquired by Rush and Tompkins Developments from Cobden Commercial Estates. The sale comes after the granting to Cobden of planning consent for a factory scheme of 12,500 sq ft with ancillary offices. Rush and Tompkins expects to start construction shortly and rents are likely to be more than £3 a sq ft.

Letting is through Bernard Price and Sons. The created investment should produce more than £500,000, although the freehold is available for owner occupiers. Leonard Green acted for Cobden.

An unusual mixture of uses is provided by a building now available in the City of London. Centre-File, the computer service bureau subsidiary of the National Westminster Bank group, has instructed Richard Ellis to assign the remainder of its lease on Warner House, Brooks Wharf, Upper Thames Street, EC4. The property consists of two separate intercommunicating buildings, the front one being an office section with 5,300 sq ft of space, and the rear, a warehouse and showroom section with 9,250 sq ft which has been used as a computer bureau with an air-conditioned purpose-built computer room.

The property is held on a main and supplemental lease expiring in December, 1985, at £68,180 a year. Richard Ellis has been instructed to assign the lease for a premium of £35,000, or to sublet at a rent of £85,000 a year for a term to coincide with the existing lease.

Higher office rent levels in Leeds are illustrated by recent lettings in the new building at 145, The Headrow.

A rent of £5 a sq ft has been arranged with Hambro Life Assurance for a 25-year lease of the second and third floors, and rents equivalent to £7.50 a sq ft have been obtained from Beneficial Finance Co and Capital Associates for two ground floor office suites. Scottish Equitable, who recently acquired the building from Commercial Union, is taking a floor for its own use. This leaves only three floors of 2,320 sq ft each available for letting.

The building is air-conditioned, finished to a high standard, and recently received a commendation from the Civic Trust. Letting agents are the Leeds offices of Bernard Thorpe and Partners, and Howell, Brooks and Partners. Dunlop Heywood and Co acted for Scottish Equitable in the purchase of the property.

In Manchester, Peter Jones' Trust Securities has obtained detailed planning consent for its site at Spring Gardens.

The consent provides for the demolition of the existing Kent House and a new seven-storey office building to give about 40,000 sq ft net of offices, plus car parking in the basement. The developers envisage that the ground floor might be used as a banking hall and the accommodation has been designed to provide for this. The scheme has been wholly funded by the Gas Staff Pension Scheme, which is represented by Weatherall Green and Smith.

Deron Developments in association with the United Kingdom Civil Service Benefit Society has started construction of an office and showroom scheme of 9,250 sq ft, in Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey. It is due for occupation later this summer. Elliott Son and Boyton and Cotton Commercial are letting agents and the rent is £65,000 a year for the entire building.

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March 1980
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COMPONENT DATA BASE (CDB)
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The Department is about to prepare a list of cubicle curtain track systems suitable for use in health buildings, as part of its Component Data Base (formerly Manufacturers Data Base). Those firms which manufacture or import such systems and who also offer a site fixing service (or who will accept contractual responsibility for their own materials and for the site fixing even if done by others) are invited to write to the address below for the necessary application documents. For administrative reasons these are referred to as tender documents, although no specific building project, leading to a contract, is involved at this stage.
Tenderers will be required to make a detailed technical response to the performance requirements contained within the documents. Part of this response will be the completion of a draft product specification which will be supplied as part of the tender documents) and the submission of drawings and prices.
The Department will evaluate all tenders and make a selection of those firms whose products, service and price form a balanced offer and will then incorporate the data on these firms into CDB, and issue it to the health building authorities for their use on building projects. The number of firms to be selected has not been pre-determined but will be realistic in terms of the total market. Any orders which the selected firms receive—and no guarantee can be given that any orders will be forthcoming—will be placed by the main contractors on health building projects, generally as directly appointed sub-contractors and exceptionally as nominated sub-contractors.
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BBC 1

6.40 am Open University: Keynes and War Economy; 7.05 Rich Law, Poor Law?; 7.30 The Suez crisis. Closedown at 7.55.
9.00 For Schools, Colleges: A Good Job with Prospects—Caring for Children (r); 9.30 Biology—Artificial Selection (r); 9.52 Communicate! — Mounting a Campaign; 10.15 Music Time—Lieutenant Kije Puppet Film (r); 10.38 Maths Topics (r); 11.00 Merry-Go-Round—When We Won the Cup; 11.40 General Studies—New Departure (r). Closedown at 12.05.
12.45 pm News.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Swimmer Duncan Goodhew is featured in The Medal Chasers.
1.45 How Do You Do? The Story is Rainy Day (r).
2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Words and Pictures—The Letter (r); 2.18 Out of the Past—Georgian England (r); 2.40 Going to Work—The Apprentices. Closedown at 3.00.
3.15 Songs of Praise from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire (repeat of Sunday's Programme).
3.55 Play School: Presented by Chloe Ashcroft and Ben Thomas. The story is Where Is the Green Parrot, written and illustrated by Thomas and Wanda Zacharias.
4.20 Deputy Dawg: cartoon (r).
4.25 Jackanory begins a selection of The Tales of Beatrix Potter, read by Sarah Porter. The first two are The Tale of Peter Rabbit and The Tale of Benjamin Bunny. Lake District settings and reproductions of the original watercolours.
4.40 Heyyy, It's the King: Cartoon (r).
5.00 John Craven's Newsround.
5.10 Blue Peter.
5.35 Paddington: Animated bear (r).
5.40 News with Peter Woods.
5.55 Nationwide.
6.45 A Question of Sport: Angela Smith, Lorna Vincent and Ray Wilkins are among the guests.
7.15 Blake's Seven: Death Watch. Space-age spectator sport.
8.10 Panorama: Cuts Both Ways (see Personal Choice).
9.00 News with Kenneth Kendall.
9.25 Film: The Child Stealer (1977). Made-for-television movie about the problems and fears of divorced fathers (a long time before Kramer vs Kramer). Beau Bridges and Clair Brown star.
11.00 Film 80: The indestructible James Mason pops up again playing—would you believe?—Dr Watson to Christopher Plummer's Sherlock Holmes in Murder by Decree. Also Nick (Rich Man, Poor Man) Nolte as a fading sports hero in North Dallas Forty.
11.30 Family History: Gordon Honeycombe delves into his past.
11.55 News headlines, weather.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Wales: 1.45 pm Pili Pala. 5.55 Wales Today. 6.45 Heddiw. 11.55 News and weather. Close. Scotland: 11.00 am For Schools. 12.40 pm The Scottish News. 5.55 Reporting Scotland. 11.55 News and weather. Close. Northern Ireland: 3.33 pm News. 5.55-6.20 Scene Around Six. 11.55 News and weather. Close. England: 5.55 pm Regional magazines. 12.00 *midnight Close.*

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Transmission Lines; 7.05 Instrumentation, Pressure Transducers; 7.30 Maths, Numerical Records. Closedown at 7.55.
11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1 at 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.
2.15 Let's Go . . . to a football match. Brian Rix with more help for the mentally handicapped. Closedown at 2.30.
4.50 Open University: A School Approach to Energy; 5.15 Strawberry Hill; 5.40 Riccio's Bronzes; 6.05 M101/7 Functions and Graphs; 6.30 Thermal Analysis.
6.55 The Craft of the Weaver: 1, Fibre and Fleece. New series in which hand-weavers talk about and demonstrate their ideas and methods.
7.20 News with subtitles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 Rock Goes to College. Pete Drummond introduces Tom Petty in concert at the Oxford Polytechnic.
8.15 Marti Caine: Guests this week are Spuro Gyra and The Realistics.
9.00 Yes Minister: The Writing on the Wall. Splendid sitcom set in Whitehall, with Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne. Survival is the name of the game.
9.30 Horizon: Magnet Earth (see Personal Choice).
10.20 Russian Language and People: Part 11. How the Russians spend their leisure time and a further episode of the Moscow love story.
10.45 Newsnight.
11.30 Arena: Working At It. Film profile of the Liverpool playwright Alan Bleasdale (The Black Stuff, Scully's New Year's Eve). Repeat from Wednesday.
12.05 am. Closedown: Gabriel Woolf read Thomas Hardy's The Clock-Winder.

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools: My World (Shapes); 9.47 Finding Out (Edward Lear); 10.05 How We Used to Live (Victorian weddings); 10.28 Starting Out (Modern marriage); 10.45 The Living Body (bacteria and viruses); 11.01 Documentary Re-run (the Arab experience); 11.22 Picture Box (a Day at the Beach); 11.39 Making a Living (Why Marry?).
12.00 We'll Tell You a Story: Patti Boulaye in unfamiliar role as storyteller when she relates the tale of Smith the Lonely Hedgehog.
12.10 pm Rainbow: School Days. Beginning a new theme—living in the countryside.
12.30 Numbers at Work: Repeat of Sunday programme about conveying information through charts, graphs and maps.
1.00 News with Peter Sissons.
1.20 Thames News with Robin Houston.
1.30 About Britain: Master of the Beaufort. Michael Clayton visits Badminton to meet the Duke of Beaufort, still pursuing the fox at the age of 80.
2.00 Film: Fire Down Below. Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum and Jack Lemmon in a 1957 seagoing drama. Pretty taut stuff, with story by Max Catto and screenplay by Irwin Shaw.
4.15 Clapperboard: Chris Kelly looks at the developing relationship between the cinema and television, once arch-enemies. Also a preview of Rocky II, with Sylvester Stallone.
4.45 Enid Blyton's Famous Five: Five on Kirrin Island, Part 1. She is scoffed at in trendy circles these days, but she keeps coming back (r).
5.15 Money-Go-Round with Joan Shenton and Tony Bastable (see Personal Choice).

Richard Shaw appears in Coronation Street (ITV, 7.30).

5.45 News.
6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner.
6.30 Crossroads: Home truths for Jill Harvey (and about time, too).
7.00 The Kenny Everett Video Show (and wasn't he good at the British Academy Awards last week?).
7.30 Coronation Street: Will the unspeakable Ivy Tilsley get the supervisor's job, or will Mike Baldwin outflank her?
8.00 George and Mildred: Repeat of the popular comedy series. Is this a sign that summer is coming?
8.30 World in Action: Alive and well in the United States. On the trail of Nazi war criminals (see Personal Choice).
9.0 Fox: An everyday story of South London folk. Kenny is fighting for the Southern Area championship—welterweight, same as the series.
10.00 News.
10.30 Film: There's a girl in My Soup. 1970 screen version of Terence Frisby's West End stage hit. Peter Sellers and Goldie Hawn star in the hilarious tale of the suave television personality and the blonde who is not quite as dumb as she seems. Lots of well known faces.
12.15 am Close: Ray Smith dips into the works of the Welsh bard John Tripp.

RADIO

Radio 4

5.00 am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.45 BBC Sound Archives.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week.
9.55 National Gardens Scheme.
10.00 News.
10.05 Money Box.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Once Upon an Ice Age (6).
11.00 News.
11.05 Impossible Facts.
11.50 Poetry Please!
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Brain of Britain 1980.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: Go Down in Darkness.†
4.45 Story: Sylvester.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 Frank Muir: English.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now.
7.45 Play: The Shadow of a Gunman, by Sean O'Casey.†
9.15 Pennine Portraits.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The News Quiz.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.35-10.30 Schools: The Jackie Stewart Road Show; Radio This King; Notice Board I; Time to Move.
10.45-12.00 Schools: Da sind wir wieder!; Singing Together; Springboard; Theatre Workshop.
2.00 pm-3.00 Schools; Exploration Earth; Listening and Reading II; Speak; Movement and Drama II.
5.50 Regional news, weather.
11.00 Study on 4: World Powers in the Twentieth Century.
11.30-12.10 am Open university: Welfare from Below; Cadences (1).

Radio 3

6.55 am (mw only) Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Rimsky-Korsakov, Stravinsky, Glinka, Rachmaninov, Prokofiev (Sym 1).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Susato, Bach, Handel, Haydn (Sym 30).†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Saint-Saëns.†
10.00 Wind, piano: Rössler, Spohr.†
10.50 Quartet (Delme): Suk, Elgar.†
11.30 Frankfurt RSO/Inbal, pt 1: Beethoven (Pno Conc 5).†
12.10 pm Interval reading.
12.15 FRSO, pt 2: Bartok (Conc for Orch).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Soprano, piano (M. Price/Parsons, live from St John's): Mozart, Schubert, Debussy, Duparc.†
2.00 Organ: Sowerby, Wells, Bossi.†
2.35 Matinée Musicale.†
3.35 New Records: Hurlstone, Stenhammar (Sym 2).†
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from 6.20) Music for early evening.†
7.00 Berlin PO/Karajan, pt 1: Bach (Brandenburg Conc 1).†
7.25 The Vision of Piers the Ploughman (8).†
7.55 BPO, pt 2: Beethoven (Sym 3).†
8.45 Portrait: J. G. Farrell.
9.30 Piano (Larrocha), pt 1: Albeniz (Iberia, books 1 and 2).†
10.15 Reading: The Letter, by Robert Forrest.
10.30 Larrocha, pt 2: Albeniz (Iberia, books 3 and 4).†
11.25 Jazz in Britain.†
11.55-12.00 News.

VHF
6.00 am-7.00 Open University: Europe, Conflict and Stability 1789-1870; Cézanne's Bathers; The Harpsichord in the Continuo.
6.20 pm-7.00 The Hindu Temple; Shakespeare and the Globe.

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Ray Moore.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 The Organist Entertains.† 8.30 Folk 80.† 9.02 Humphrey Lyttelton.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Movie Quiz. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Lee Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31 Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 7.00 Stayin' Alive. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50 Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2.
VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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6.00 am Newsreel. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.45 Short Story. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Come Here. 8.30 Disco Fever. 9.00 World News. 9.09 British Press Review. 9.15 Theatre Call. 9.55 Book Choice. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sounds that Sold a Million. 10.00 Land and People. 10.30 The Art of Alfred Brendel. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 World Radio Club. 11.30 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 pm Benny Green's Album Time. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Book Programme. 2.00 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Europe. 9.30 The Book Programme. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Round-up. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Encounters with Animals. 11.30 These Musical Islands. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 A Generation of Giants. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Evening. 2.00 World News. 2.09 British Press Review. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 My Music. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Sports International. 4.00 News desk. 4.30 Masters of Early Music. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.45 The World Today.

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REGIONAL TV

Channel

As London except: 12.00-12.30 pm Closedown. 1.20 Channel News. 2.00 Money-go-Round. 2.30 Film: Holiday Camp. 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 Channel News. 6.10 Spiderman. 10.22 Channel News. 10.36 Pardoe Programme. 11.10 Fantasy Island. 12.00 News and weather in French.

ATV

As London except: 1.20 pm ATV Newsdesk. 2.00 Money-go-Round. 2.45 Film: Vacation from marriage (Robert Donat, Deborah Kerr). 5.15 The Television Programme. 6.00 ATV Today. 10.30 Left, Right and Centre. 11.00 ATV Newsdesk. 11.05 Barney Miller. 11.35 Divorce and After. 12.05 am Something Different.

Anglia

As London except: 1.25 pm Anglia News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: The Sun Never Sets (Douglas Fairbanks Jnr., Basil Rathbone). 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.00 Vegas. 12.00 A Big Country. 12.30 am Reflection.

Westward

As London except: 1.20 pm Westward News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Holiday Camp (Flora Robson, Dennis Price). 4.12 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 Westward Diary. 10.22 Westward News. 10.36 Pardoe Programme. 11.05 Faith for Life. 11.10 Fantasy Island.

Grampian

As London except: Starts 9.25 am First Thing. 1.20 pm North News. 2.00 Money-go-Round. 2.30 Film: Bachelor of Hearts. 5.15 Wild world of Animals. 6.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Liberal Conference. 11.30 Sport. 12.30 am Reflections. 12.35 North Headlines.

Southern

As London except: 1.20 pm Southern News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Make Me An Offer (Peter Finch). 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Day by Day. 10.30 Southern News. 10.33 Music in Camera. 11.40 Barney Miller. 11.50 Inside Business. 12.20 am Weather and The Bible Now.

HTV

As London except: 1.20 pm Report West. 2.00 Here Today. 2.30 Film: The History of Mr Polly (John Mills, Megs Jenkins). 5.15 Dick Tracy. 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Report West. 10.36 Food Wine and Friends. 11.05 Soap. 11.35 Twist in the Tale.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As General Service except: 10.05 am About Wales. 12.00 Trefeilia. 1.20 pm Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 4.45 Ser. 6.00 Y Dydd. 6.30 Report Wales. 8.30 Yr Wyhnos.
HTV WEST: No variations.

Ulster

As London except: 10.44 am Face Your Future. 1.20 pm Lunchtime. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Jet Storm (Richard Attenborough, Stanley Baker). 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 10.30 No Easy Answer. 11.00 The Odd Couple. 11.30 Gardening. 11.55 Bedtime.

Granada

As London except: 1.20 pm Granada Reports. 2.00 Money-go-Round. 2.30 Film: Lost. 5.10 This is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30 Selwyn. 10.30 Reports Politics. 11.00 Film: The Mind of Mr Soames.

Scottish

As London except: 1.20 pm Scottish News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Too Many Thieves (Peter Ustinov, Britt Ekland). 5.15 Teatime Terror. 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.45 Grimedesk. 10.30 Liberal Conference. 11.30 Sport. 12.30 am Late Call.

Yorkshire

As London except: 1.20 pm Calendar News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Jet Storm (Richard Attenborough, Stanley Baker). 4.10 Cartoon. 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 Calendar. 10.30 Country Calendar. 11.00 Police Story.

Tyne Tees

As London except: 1.20 pm News and Lookaround. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Quest for Love. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 10.30 Northern Report. 11.00 News headlines. 11.05 Film: Demolition. 12.30 am Close down.

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BIRTHDAYS

KELLY, SIMON ROHAN.—Happy 18th birthday.—Love, Mum, Dad and Ruth.

MARRIAGES

TOMLINS : DOUGLAS.—On 21st March in Baltimore, Christopher Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Tomlins of Lodbury Cottage, Grimsdells Lane, Amersham, to Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Douglas of 212, Ramon Place, San Ramon, California.

DEATHS

BAGNALL.—On 20th March, at Lord Harris Court, Mary, aged 91, widow of William Brookes Bagnall, dearly loved mother of Joan Oakley and the late Sir Arthur Bagnall. Service at Easthampstead Crematorium, Wokingham, Berkshire, Thursday, 27th March, at 1 p.m. Flowers to W. H. Bourton & Son, 1 Princes St., Reading.

CAMPBELL, MARJORIE ANGELA.—On March the 21st, peacefully, at Plaxtol, aged 87, elder daughter of First Baron Colgrain of Everlands, Sevenoaks, much loved by all her nephews and nieces. Service of thanksgiving, St. Mary's, Ide Hill, Thursday the 27th at 12 noon. Flowers to W. Hodges, Sevenoaks, or donations to Kent Girl Guides, 1 Riddlesdale Avenue, Tunbridge Wells.

CULVERWELL.—On 19th March, Eileen Norah, devoted and dearly loved wife of the late Dr. G. Hugh Culverwell, O.B.E., dear mother of Joan and Maurice. Please no flowers but she would have appreciated a donation to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, S.W.1.

CUMING.—On March 20th, 1980, Edith Ellen, aged 83 yrs., of Homelands, Christchurch. Sadly missed by Nina, Basil, Nigel and Marion, much loved grandmother. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, March 26th at 3.30 p.m. Enquiries to: Miller Bros. & F. P. Butler Ltd., 119, Bargates, Christchurch. Tel., 485 139.

FOXON.—On March 20th, Charles, much loved husband of Barbara. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Thursday, 27th March, 11.30 a.m. Donations to Oxfam, or flowers if wished to The Ashton Funeral Service, Wimbledon.

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HARDIE.—On 22nd March, 1980, Archibald Hardie, CBE, aged 69 years, beloved husband of Nell (née Robertson), 33 Cleveden Road, Glasgow, a dear father and grandfather. Service at Belhaven Westbourne Church, 52 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 26th inst at 2.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MOORE.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Norman Moore, M.A., will be held at St. Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge on Tuesday, 25th March, 1980 at 12 noon.

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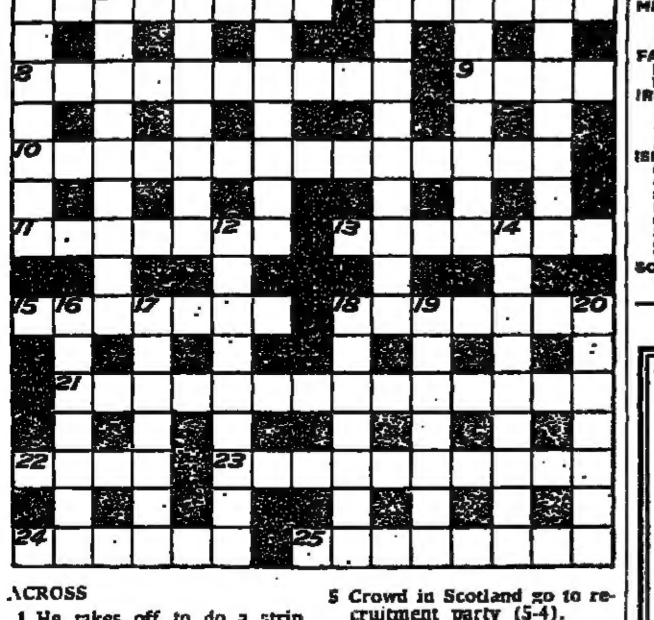


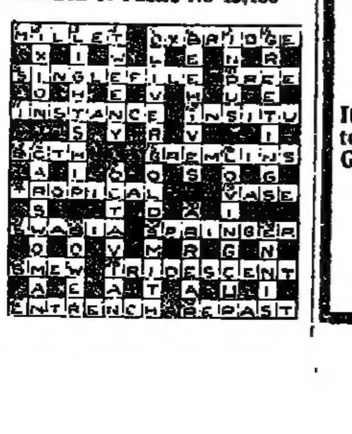
ACROSS

1 He takes off to do a strip perhaps (8).
5 Short hole in three? Nonsense, a birdie! (6).
8 Stubborn demand since one anyhow holds the gun (10).
9 A friend of everyone ere journey's end (4).
10 Pope's adornment of Walton's circle (10, 4).
11 In real trouble, a terrible end for the swimmer (7).
13 A musical boutique? Imagine that! (7).
15 Lace-makers in rags (7).
18 Stranded at Lord's? (7).
21 Commons being property neither real nor personal, but this (3, 5, 6).
22 She gets an article reversed (4).
23 Ignoring objection concerning old county division (10).
24 One's apparently late playing this (6).
25 Strip the elderly, like mummy? (8).

DOWN

1 Aching for farmers to get in the vessel (7).
2 Deviously tries to include Stanley in opposition (9).
3 Swell note—one way to finish (7).
4 Ship wrecked by Master East (7).
5 Crowd in Scotland go to recruitment party (5-4).
6 He takes the practical view about a material (7).
7 Binds, as the daily help does? (7).
12 Mundane type pulled from bed by proverbial early riser (9).
14 Flattery, and a guilt complex (9).
16 Ice-cream vendor also supplies some giant onions (7).
17 Article on taboos of ancient Greeks (7).
18 Road ran tortuously in the Pyrenees (7).
19 Cancel order for cinders (7).
20 Doctor Sharp fished for oysters (7).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,180



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